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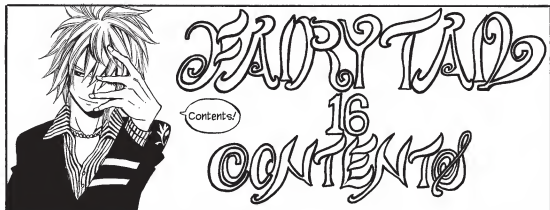
Hiro Mashima
Creator of Rave Master

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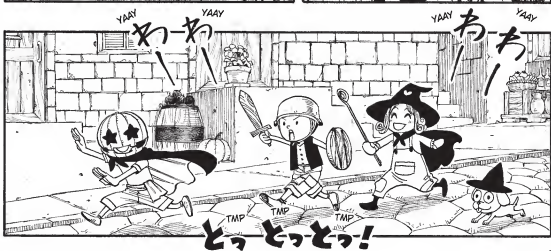
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Chapter 127: Sacrifice for Justice





Rumor has it
the master's
not doing too
well.



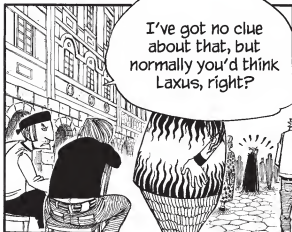
It is probably
because of all that
ruckus that went
on in the guild
yesterday.

Did
something
happen to
cause it?

I hear
Fantasia has
been delayed
until tomorrow
night.

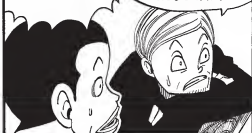


I've got no clue
about that, but
normally you'd think
Lexus, right?



Who's
gonna be
the next
master?!

Hey, wait! That
doesn't mean
the master's
gonna retire,
does it...?



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Shows you
how old
we are!

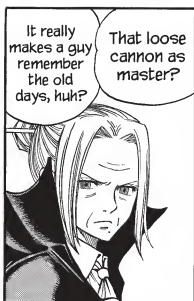
We've
known him
ever since
he was a
kid...

Ha
ha
ha!



It really
makes a guy
remember
the old
days, huh?

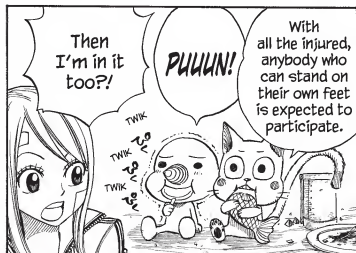
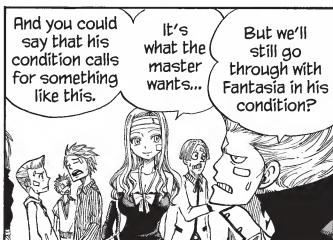
That loose
cannon as
master?

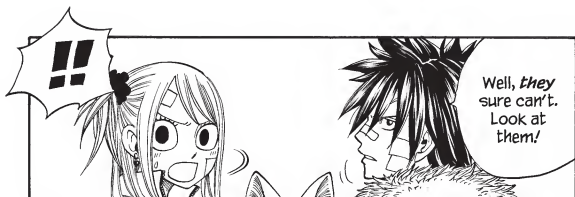




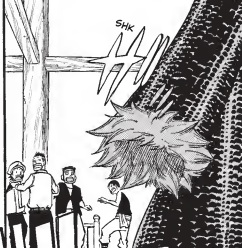
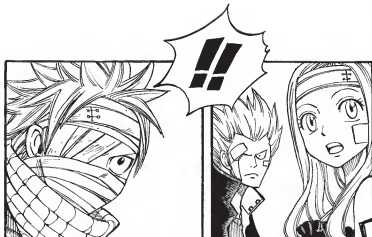
Due to
Porlyusica-
san's efforts,
the master's
life has been
saved.

So relax.
The master
will be just
fine.



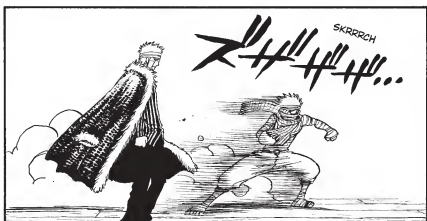
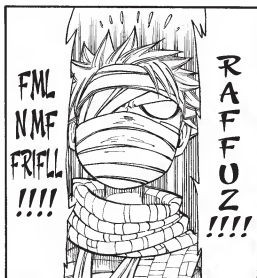


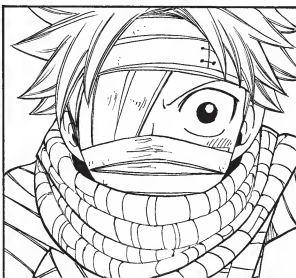
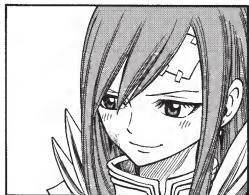
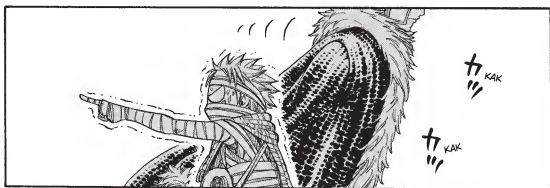
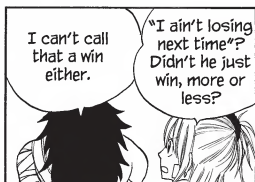




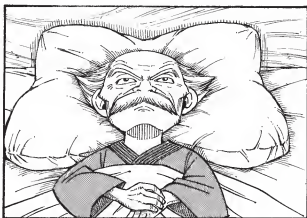
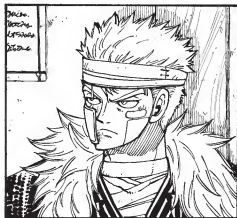
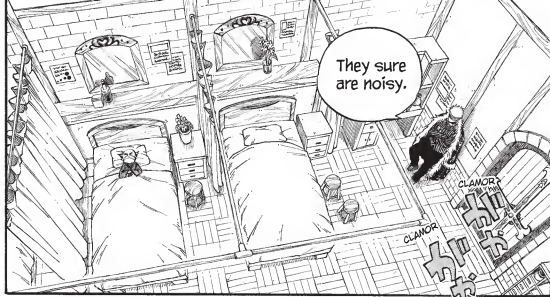
Lexus
!!!

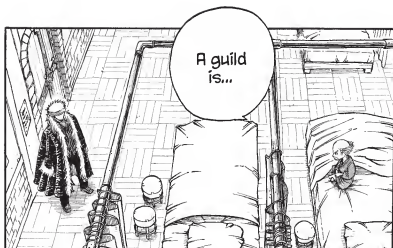


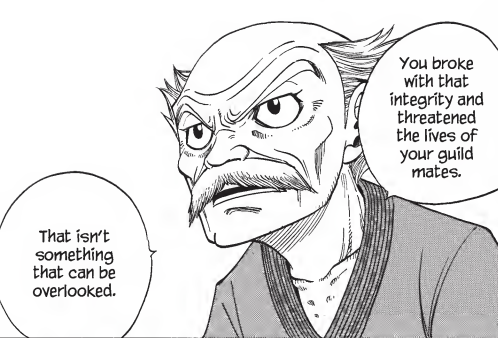


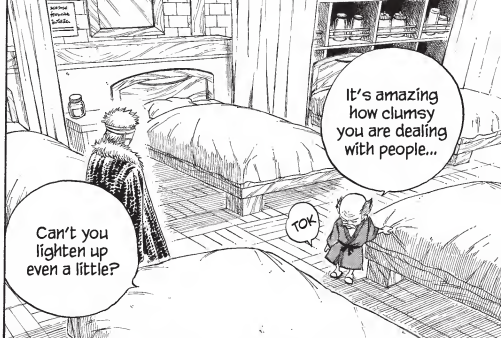












Can't you
lighten up
even a little?

It's amazing
how clumsy
you are dealing
with people...

TOX



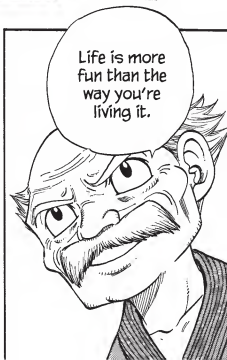
Hear the
words you're
deaf to now.

If you could,
you would see
things that
you can't see
now.



You
didn't need
strength.
Be stupid
for all I
care...

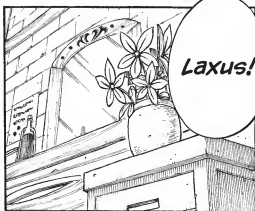
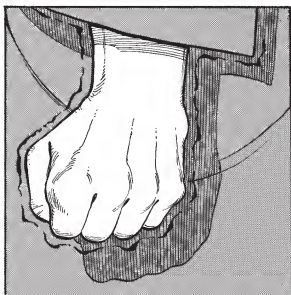
You know I...
lived to watch
the way you
grew up.



Life is more
fun than the
way you're
living it.

*... that
was all
I was
hoping
for.*

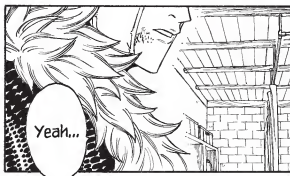
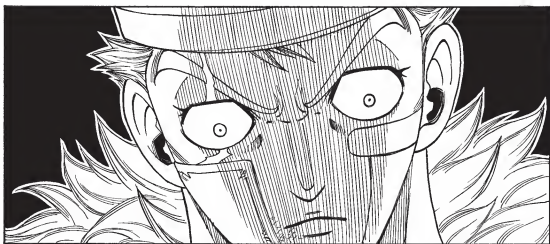
*But as
long as
you were
full of
energy
...*

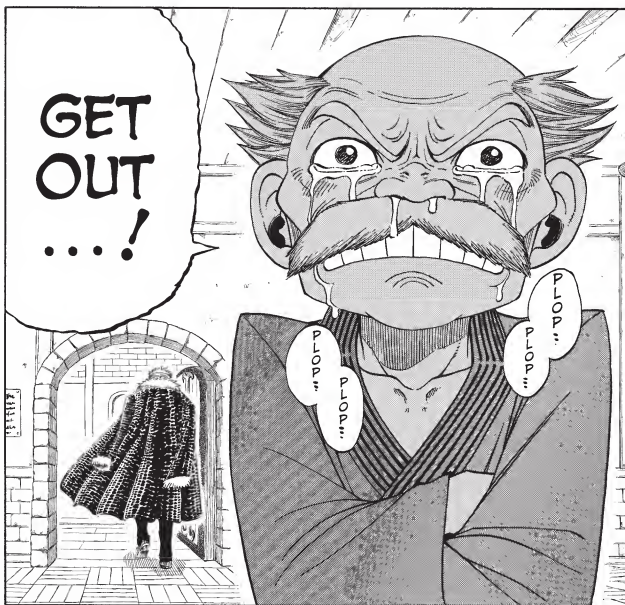


Lexus!

**YOU ARE
EXPELLED!**

FWOOM





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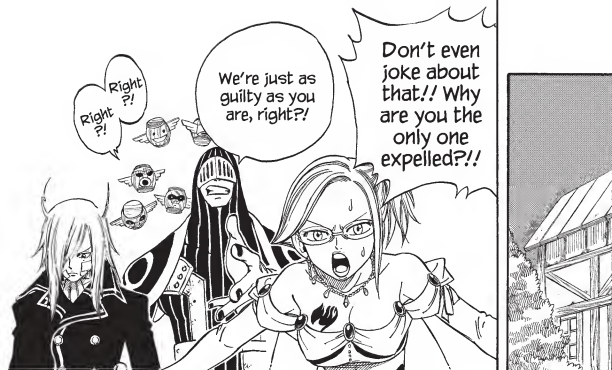
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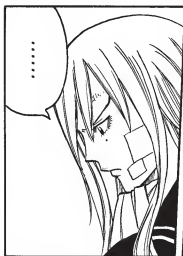
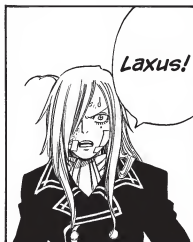


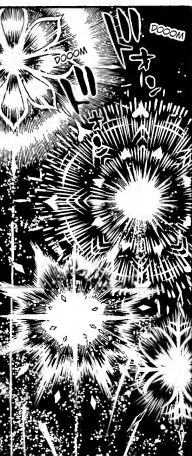
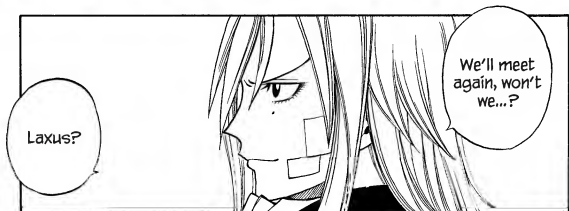
Chapter 128: Fantasia

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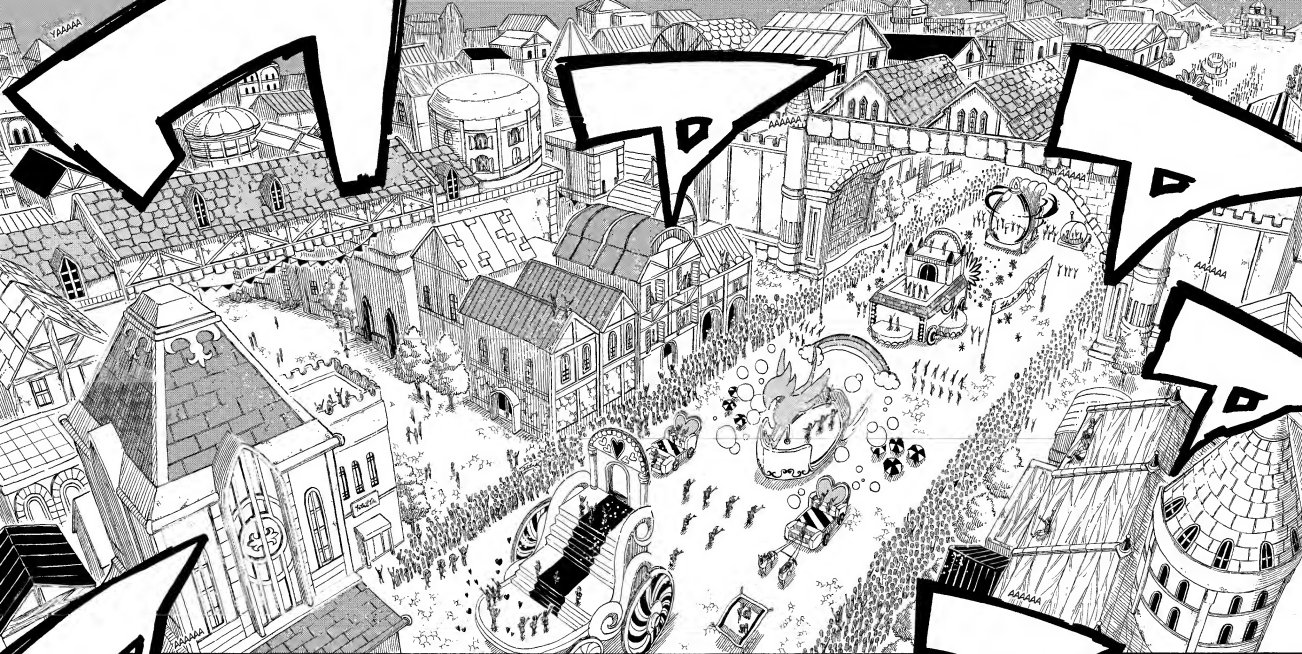




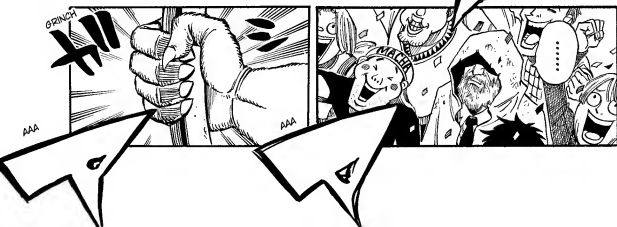
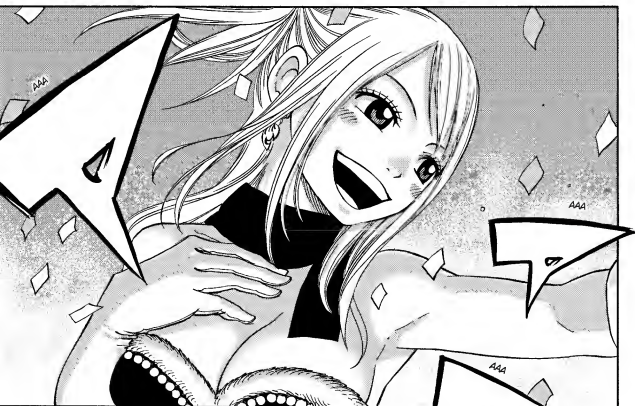
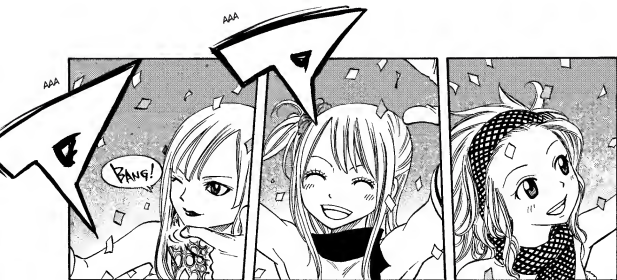










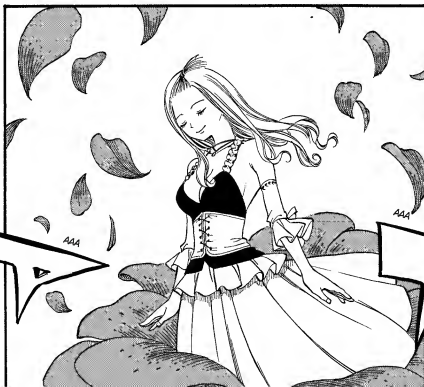


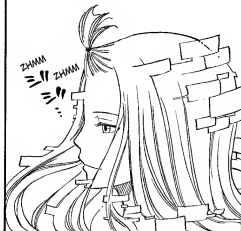


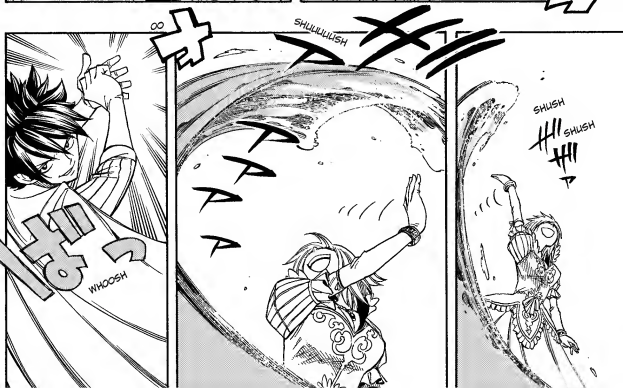
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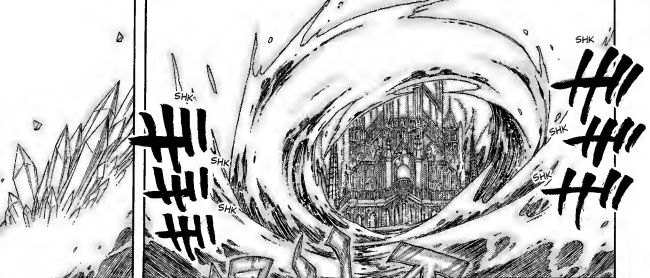
It's
Elfman!!!

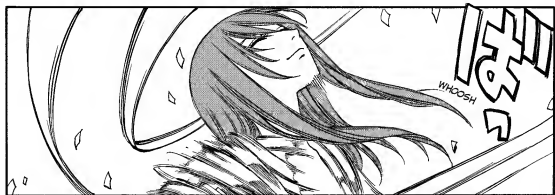
Whoa!! He
looks so
powerful!!!







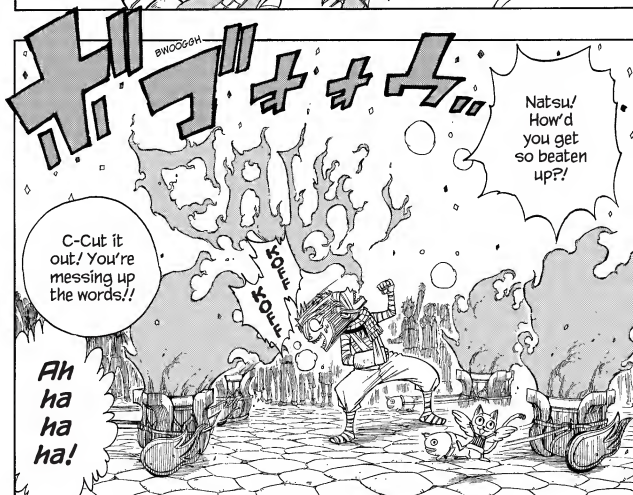


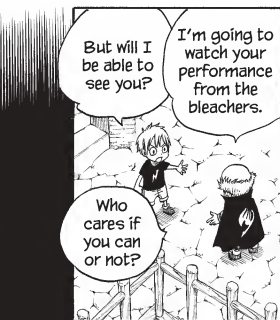


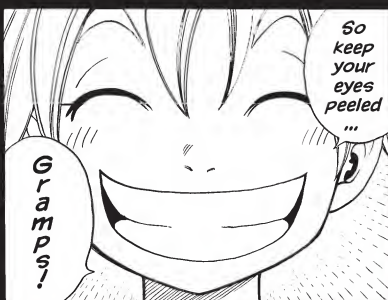




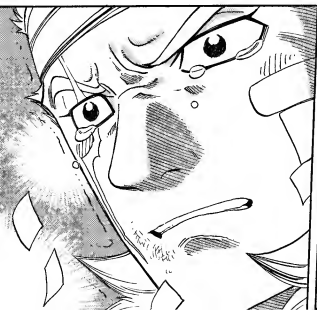
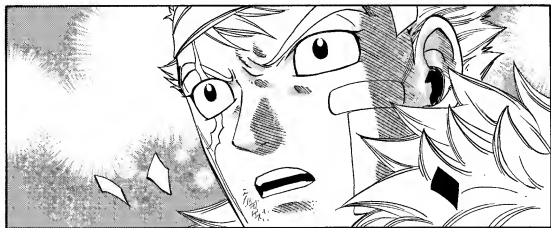








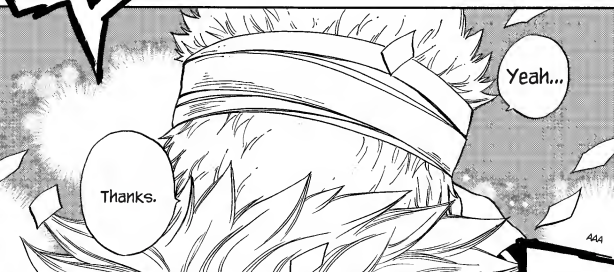


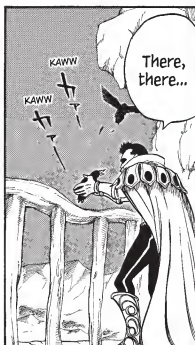
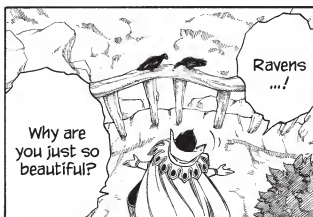
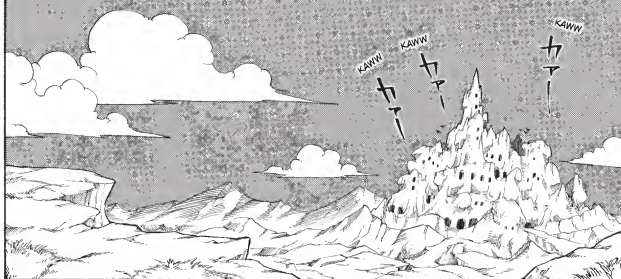


Gramps...













*My little
fake!*

*He's
just a
fake!*

SLURP

LAXUS'S FATHER
DARK GUILD RAVEN TAIL
MASTER IVAN



So I took pity
on the wretch
and buried a
lacrima crystal
in Laxus's
body.

He's had
a weak
constitu-
tion since
he was
little.

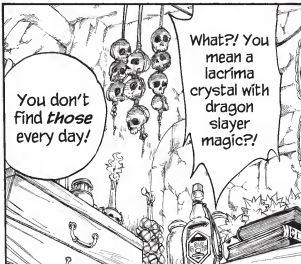


A
fake?



The
timing's
perfect!

Now
that he's
expelled,
he'll be
coming
here.



You don't
find *those*
every day!

What?! You
mean a
lacrima
crystal with
dragon
slayer
magic?!



If you
do that,
Lexus
will...

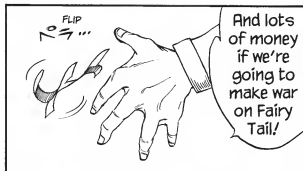
Y-You
plan to
dig it
out of
him?

Bwa ha ha ha!!!! It
was always too much
power for that brat to
handle! So his Daddy
will make him the boy
he used to be!



I just found
out how much
money I can
get for that
lacrima!

You won't
believe the
wad of cash
it's worth!



FLIP
NO...

And lots
of money
if we're
going to
make war
on Fairy
Tail!



Sweet,
shiny
money!

What
I need
now is
money!



They'll
never
find
out!

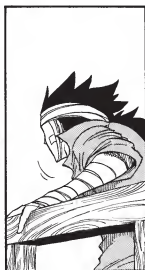
GEE
HEE!

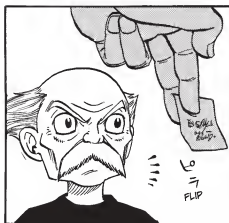


Got
it?!

You are
not to
leave it
even if
they find
out you're
a spy!

You're
going to
keep up your
infiltration of
that place!





*...of
Master Ivan,
your son.*

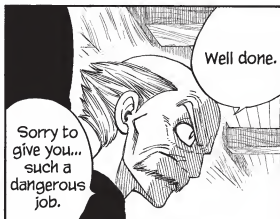
**I
found the
location
...**

Nobody suspects
I'm a double agent.
But you'd better
worry about Laxus.
Ivan's after his
lacrima.



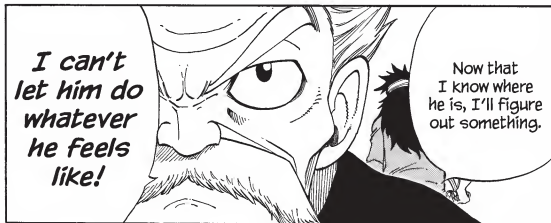
Sorry to
give you...
such a
dangerous
job.

Well done.



*I can't
let him do
whatever
he feels
like!*

Now that
I know where
he is, I'll figure
out something.



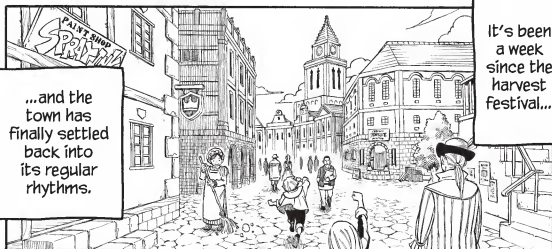
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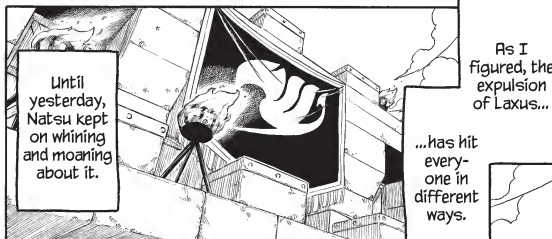
Chapter 129: Even So, I...





...and the town has finally settled back into its regular rhythms.

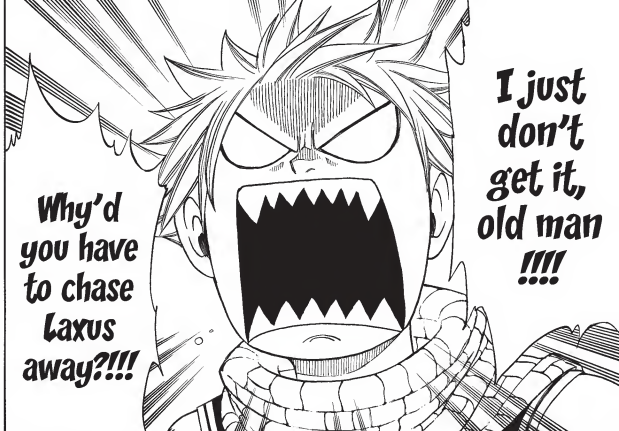
It's been a week since the harvest festival...



Until yesterday, Natsu kept on whining and moaning about it.

As I figured, the expulsion of Lexus...

...has hit everyone in different ways.



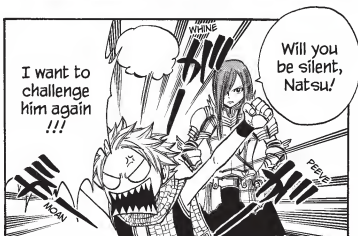
**Why'd
you have
to chase
Lexus
away?!!!**

**I just
don't
get it,
old man
!!!!**



We may
fight,
but we're
still guild
mates,
right?

He's a
guild
mate,
right?



I want to
challenge
him again
!!!

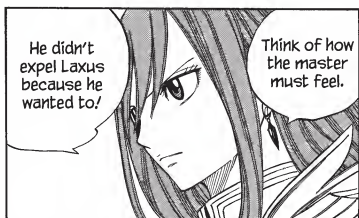
Will you
be silent,
Natsu!



**I said,
silence
!!!**



I wanna
get strong
enough to
take him
down one-
on-one!



He didn't
expel Laxus
because he
wanted to!

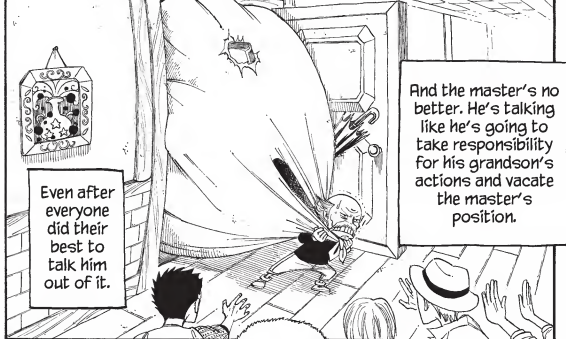
Think of how
the master
must feel.



This scene
has been
played over
and over.



But...



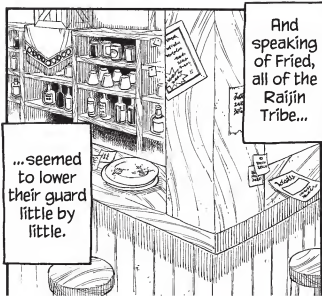
Even after everyone did their best to talk him out of it.

And the master's no better. He's talking like he's going to take responsibility for his grandson's actions and vacate the master's position.



If Laxus were to find out the master quit because of him...

Please don't punish Laxus any more than you already have.

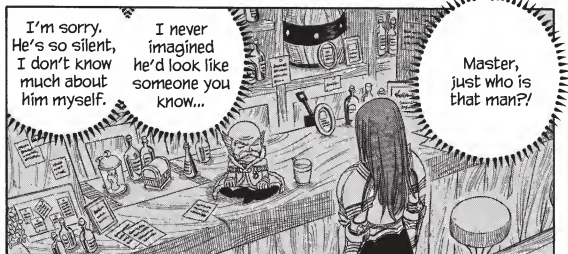
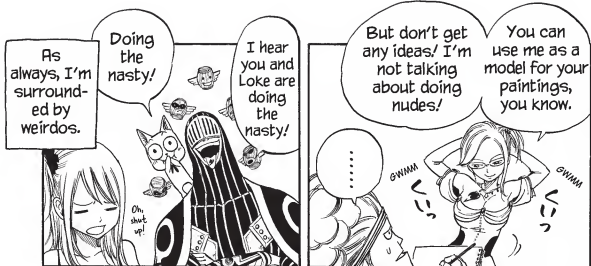


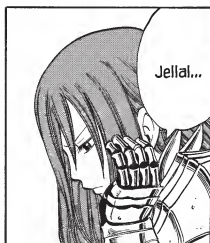
...seemed to lower their guard little by little.

And speaking of Fried, all of the Raijin Tribe...



Maybe it was his shaving his head in apology or Fried's old posture, but his short sentences stopped the master short.





Jellal...



But I still had one more huge problem to deal with.

The Result Announcement of The Miss FAIRY TAIL CONTEST

And what with one thing and another, a week passed.

Lucy really made it up to second?!

I knew it!

Con-grats to all!

Juvia got three.

The result Announcement of The Miss FAIRY TAIL CONTEST

- 1... ERZA
- 2... LUCY
- 3... JUVIA

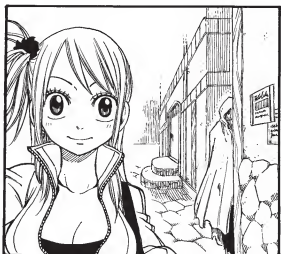
Erza is the winner !!!

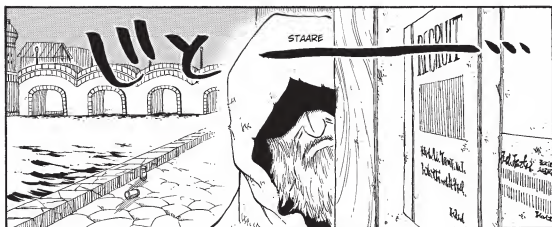
Ohhh !!!

AAAAA
!!!!

I didn't
get my
rent
money
!!!!









He's gone!



TWIRL



He might be a
stalker or a pervert
or a kidnapper!!!



SHIVER

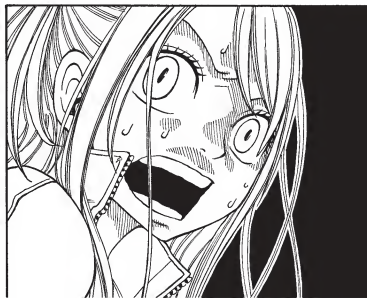
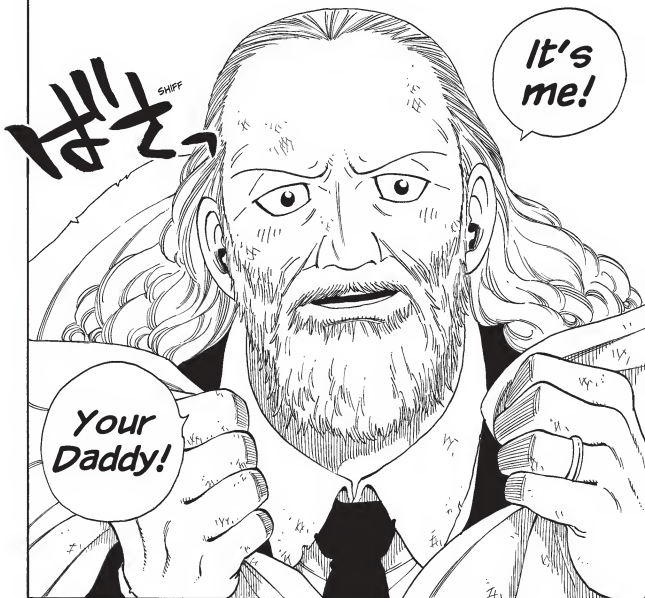


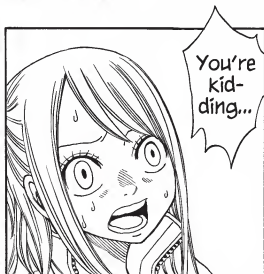
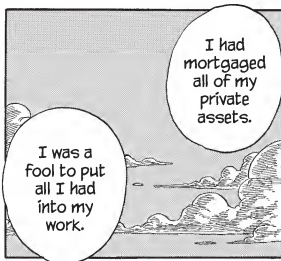
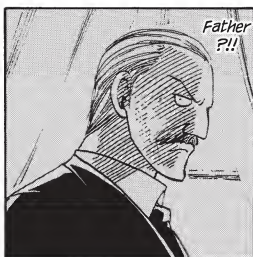
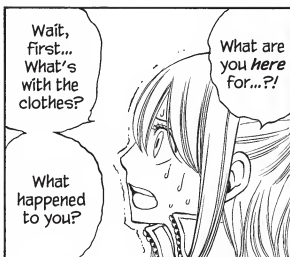
He's gone!

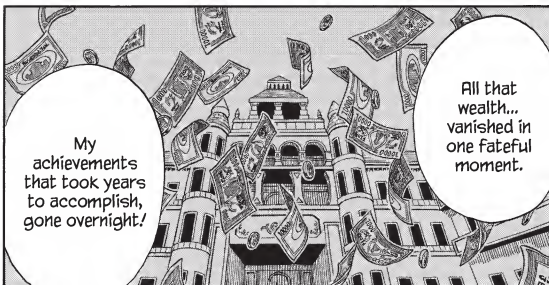
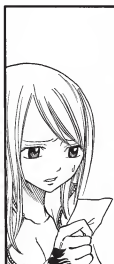


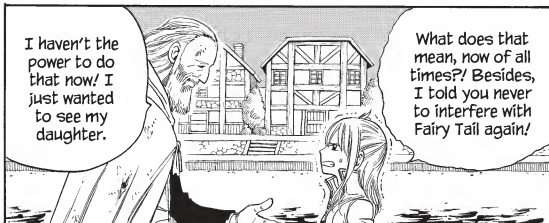
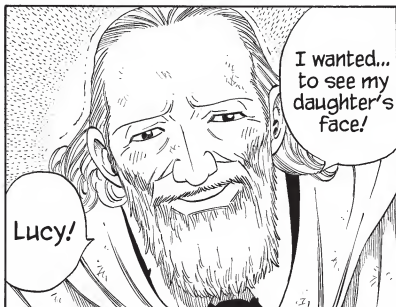
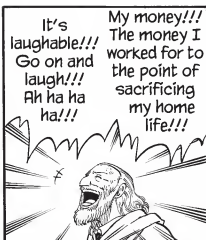
Stay away
!!!!

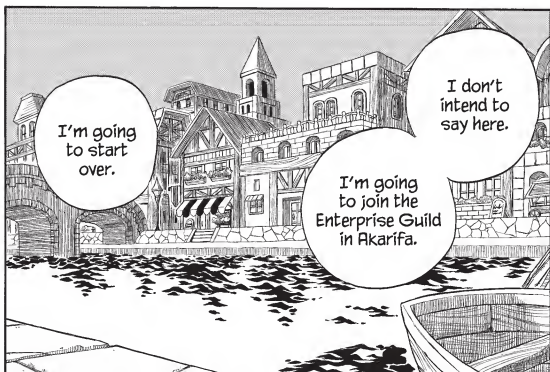
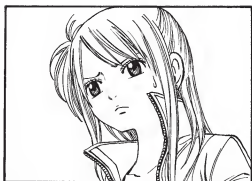
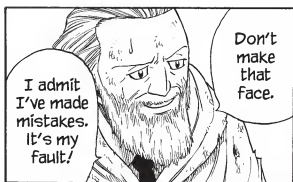
YAAAAAH
!!!!

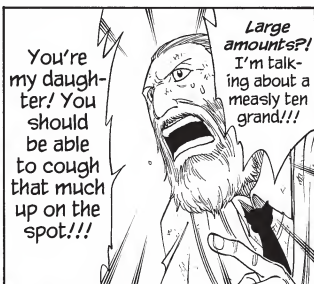
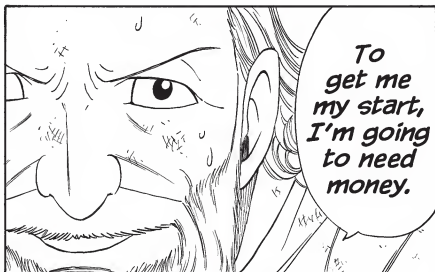














**So do
your
duty
and
hand
it over
!!!!**

**Money!!!!
Here I am
swallowing my
pride and
asking nicely!!!
I'm lowering
myself to
this!!!!**

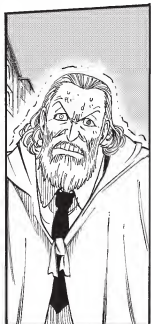
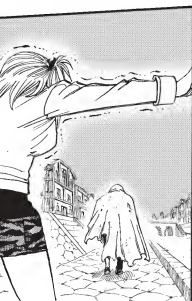


**You un-
grateful
little...
Do as
you're
told...**



I have no
idea...what
you're talking
about.

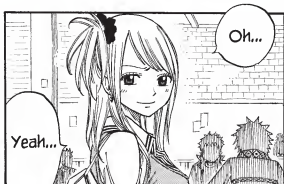
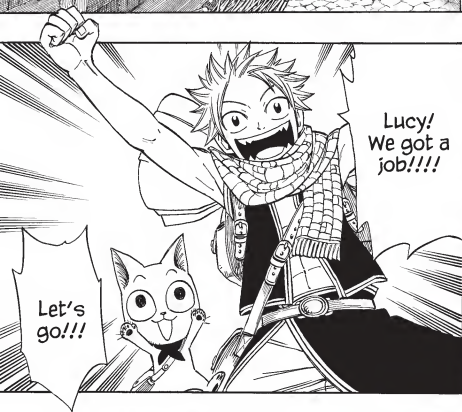






*He's the
worst!*

*Abso-
lutely
the
worst!*



I've heard of him. He's known as Velveno the Guild Hunter. You know where he is?



Whooooaa! I hear his magic's incredible! I'm all fired up!!!

An escapee. We're going to recapture Velveno.



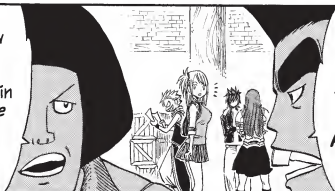
That's about six months' worth! Let's do this!

Yeah!

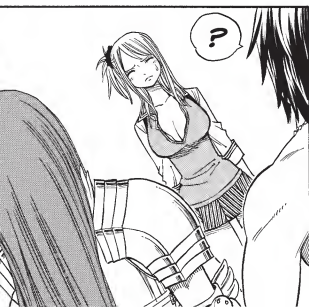
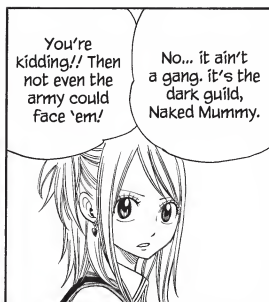


The reward is four hundred thousand each. You can pay your rent, Lucy.

You mean how some violent gang holed themselves up in the *Enterprise Guild* there? Yeah, scary stuff!



Hey, did you hear about *Akarifa*?





Where
is this
Akarifa
?!!



I'm sorry!!!
I've got an
errand to
run!!!

Wait...
Your
rent...

Hey!!
The job...



Lucy?



...have
to go
save
him!!!!

He's that
kind of
man...

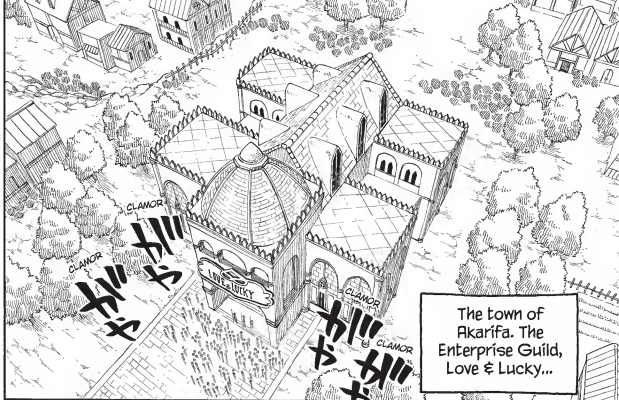
...but
even
so, I...

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル



Chapter 130: Love & Lucky



The town of Akarifa. The Enterprise Guild, Love & Lucky...



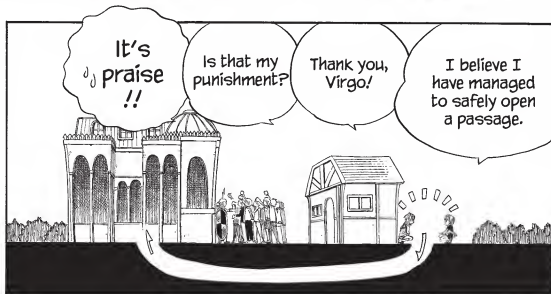
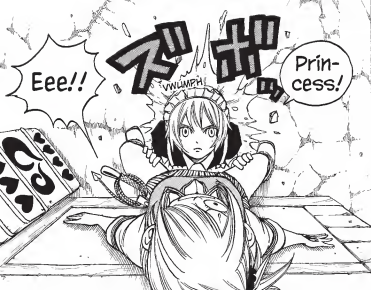
Everyone, calm down!! We're asking help from a nearby magic guild right now!

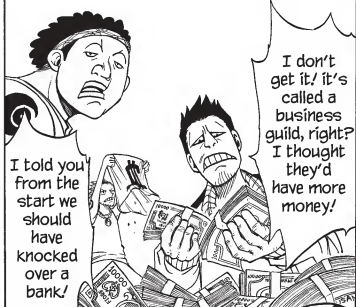


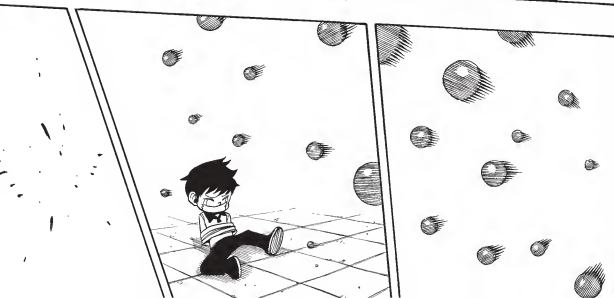
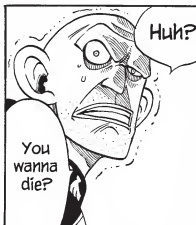
What's happened to the hostages?!

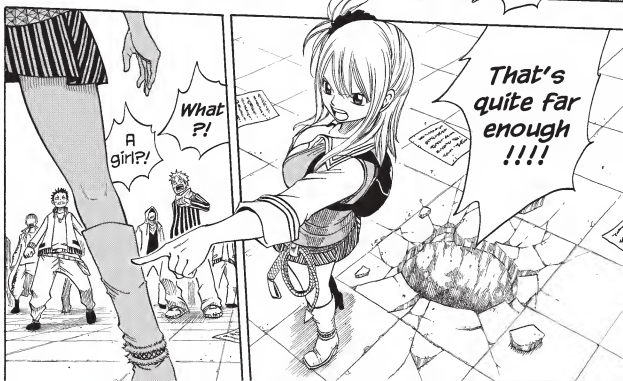
Please save them! My husband's in there!







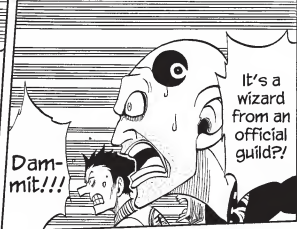






WHOOSH

If
you don't
surrender
quietly,
you'll wind
up getting
hurt!!!



Dam-
mit!!!

It's a
wizard
from an
official
guild?!



MOH!
MOH!
MOH!

DM

DM

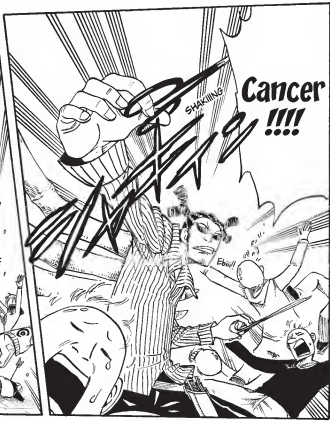
DM

DM

DM

DM

Sagittarius
!!!!



SHAKING

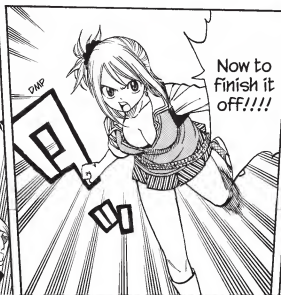
Cancer
!!!!

Eww!



OH BOY
OH BOY
あ
お
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What
kind of
magic is
she going
to use
next?!!

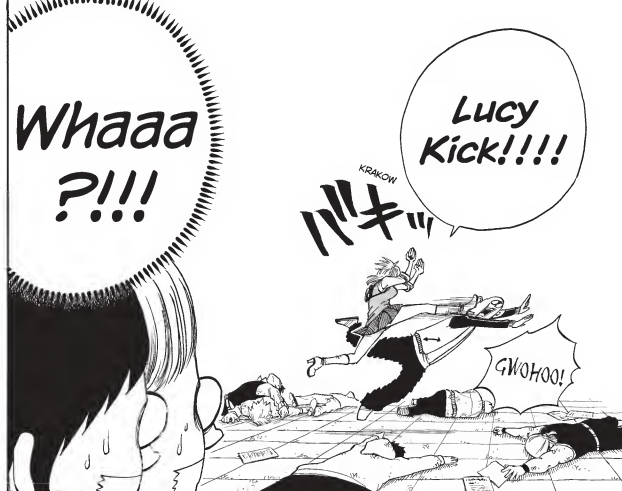


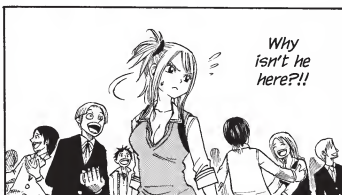
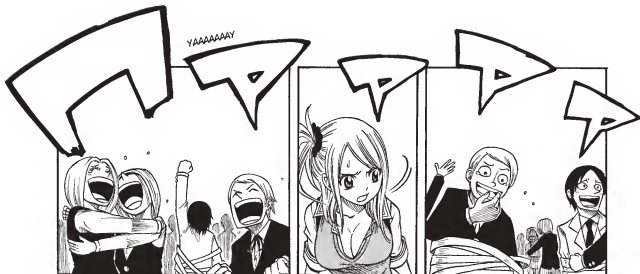
DMP

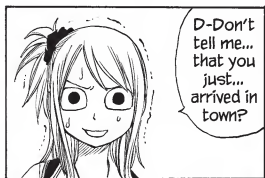
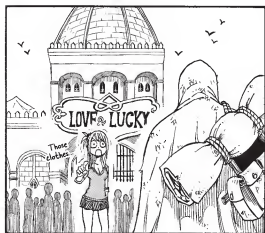
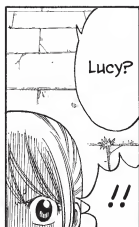
Now to
finish it
off!!!!



Wha...
?!!







Wait...!!! Does that mean he was hitting me up for ten grand just for passage here? How out of touch on carriage fares can you get?!!



I was worried about nothing!!!



I don't have any money, so I had to walk all the way here.



Captain!
A number of the guild members have run off!

You can calm down, everyone!

Everything's all right now.



"What"...?! I heard the guild you were going to was under attack...

What are you here for...?



Don't get any ideas!

Is that so...? Thank you...



Never mind!! Good-bye!!!

You came because you were worried about your father?



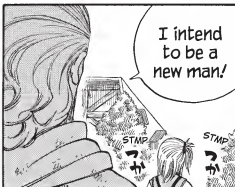
It isn't like I've forgiven you or anything!



You've traveled a very long road to get here, hm?



I've had some time to think things over also.



I intend to be a new man!

STMP

STMP



I regret it, it's an embarrassing moment...

STMP

STMP

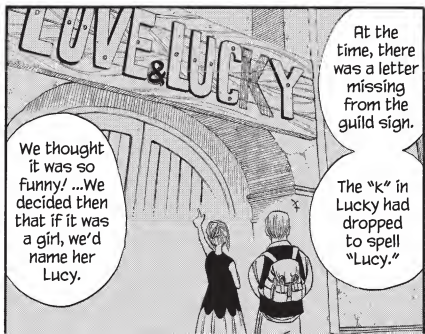
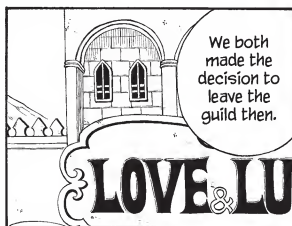
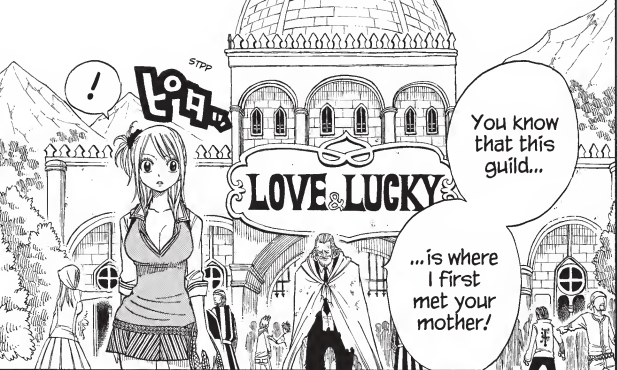
I apologize for yesterday. Something came over me...

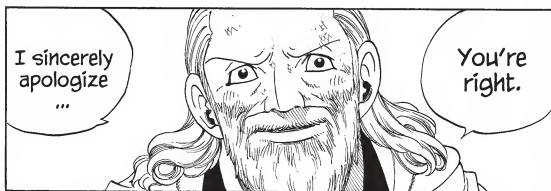
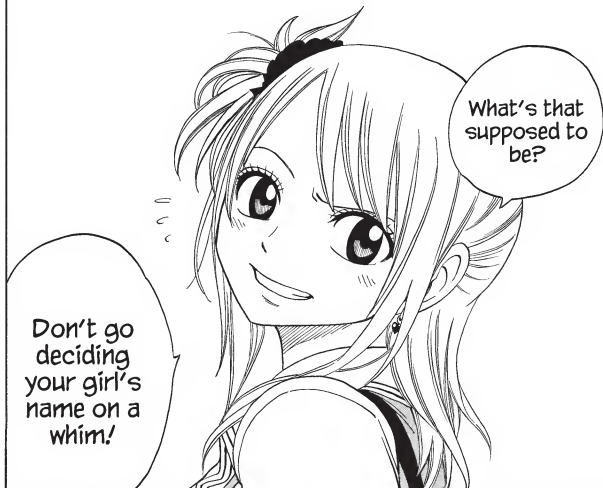


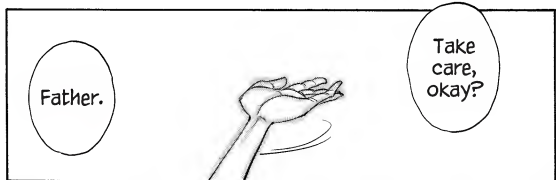
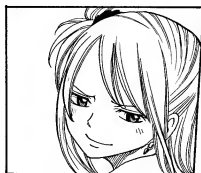
I'm sure... that I can accomplish anything!

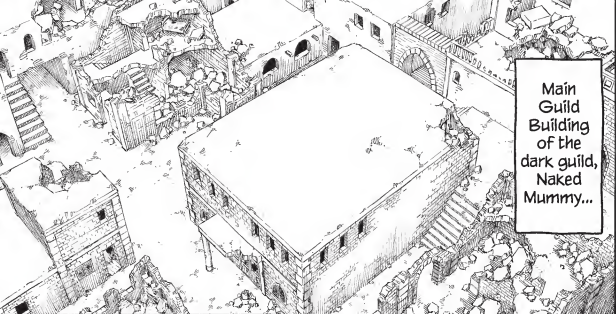


I managed to reach this point without money!

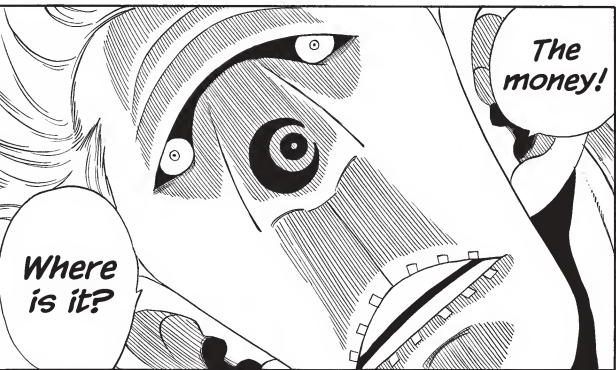






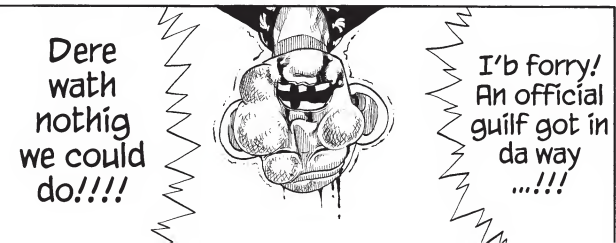


Main
Guild
Building
of the
dark guild,
Naked
Mummy...



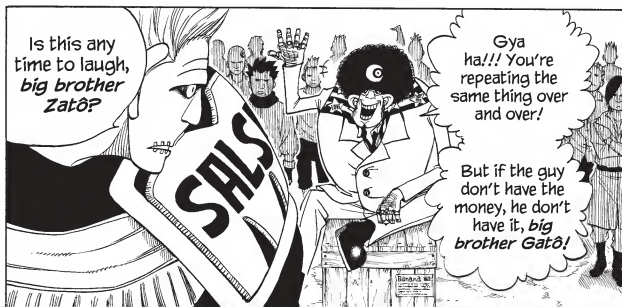
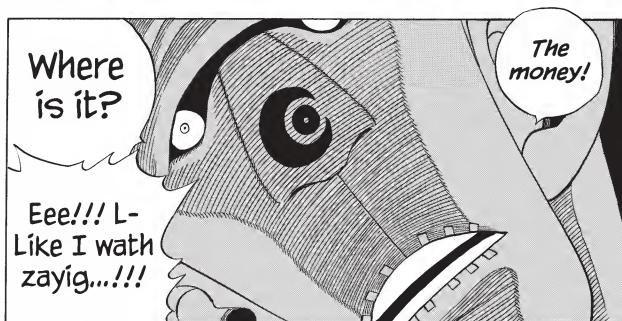
*Where
is it?*

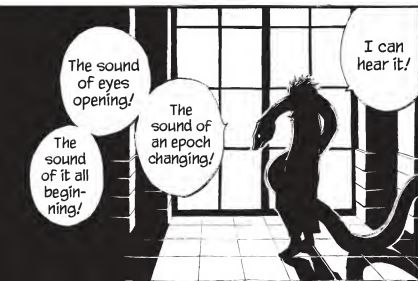
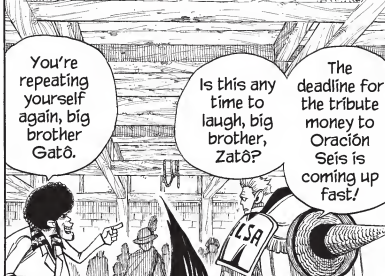
*The
money!*



Dere
wath
nothig
we could
do!!!!

I'b forry!
An official
guilf got in
da way
...!!!







*The
Extinction
of Light!*

DARK GUILD
ORACIÓN SEIS
COBRA

FAIRYTAIL

フェアリーテイル

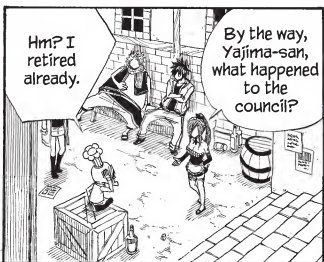
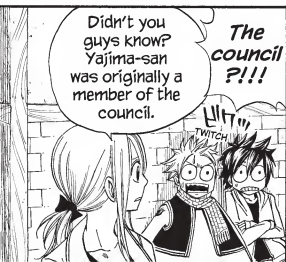
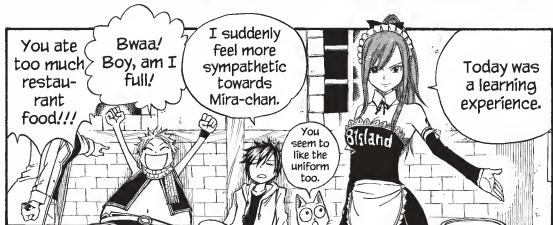


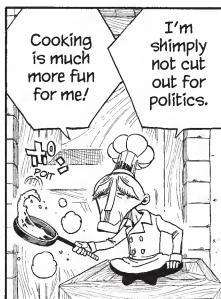
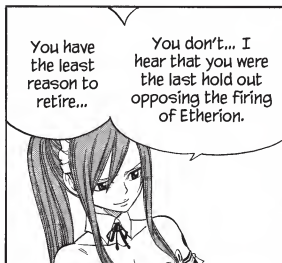
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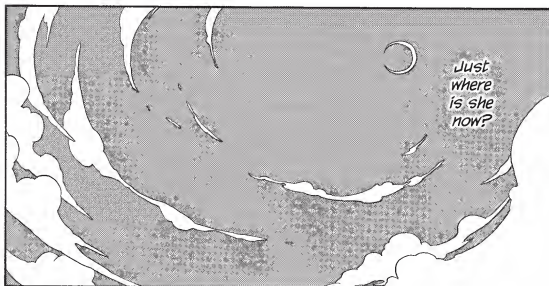
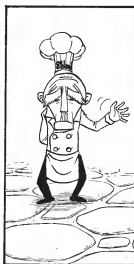


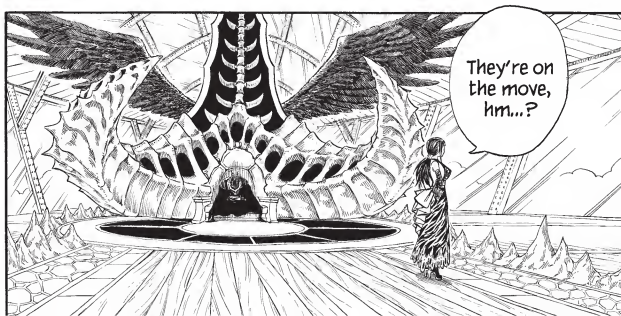
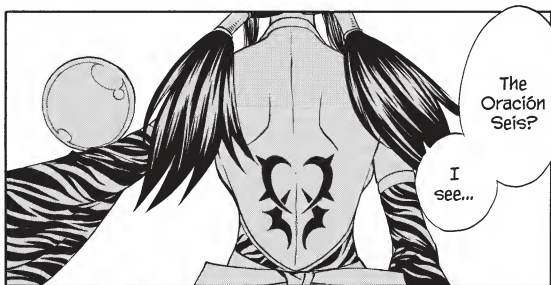
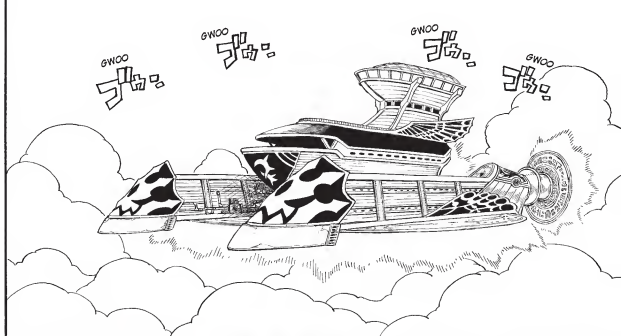










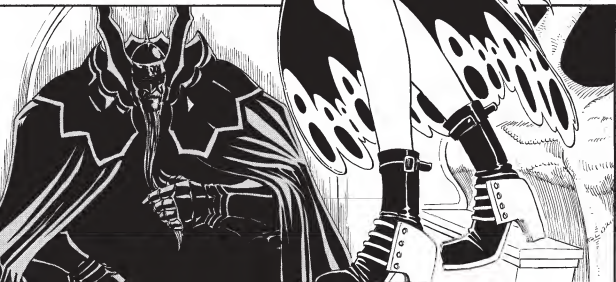


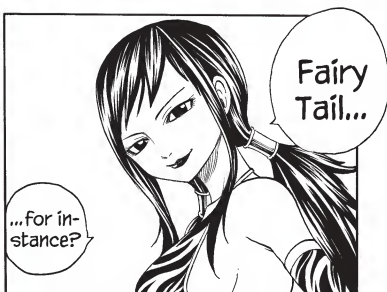
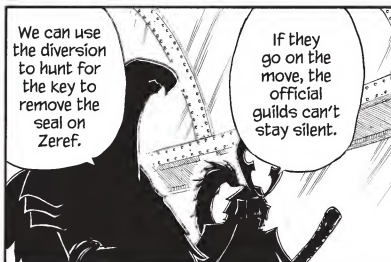
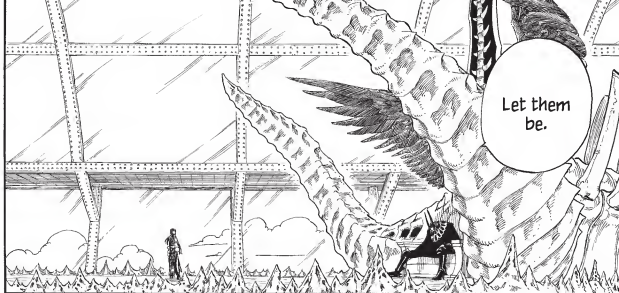


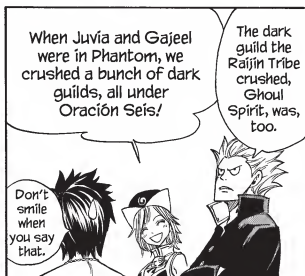
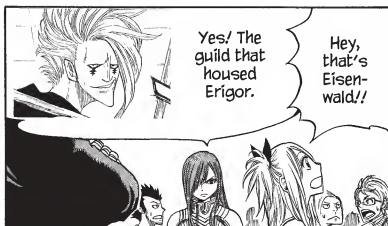
What
will you
do?

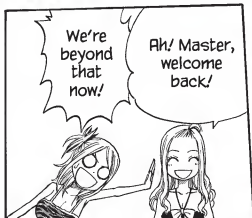
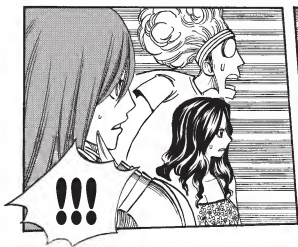
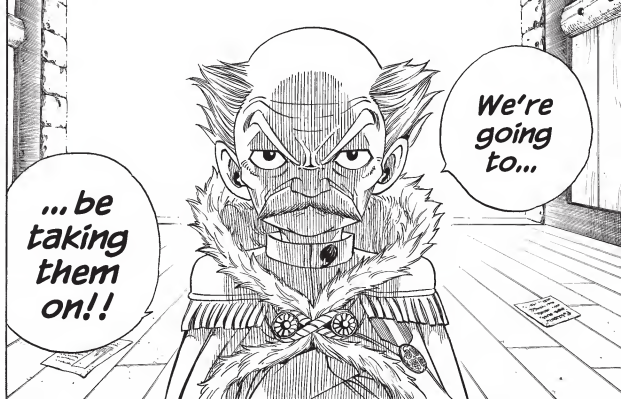
*Master
Hades?*

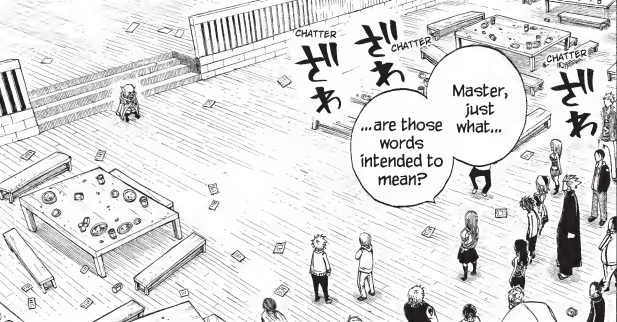
DARK GUILD
GRIMOIRE HEART
ULTEAR











CHATTER

CHATTER

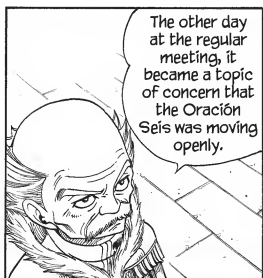
CHATTER

...are those words intended to mean?

Master, just what...



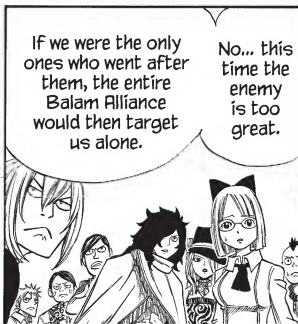
And so it became something we could not ignore. Some guild or other must go to take them down.



The other day at the regular meeting, it became a topic of concern that the Oración Seis was moving openly.



And so...



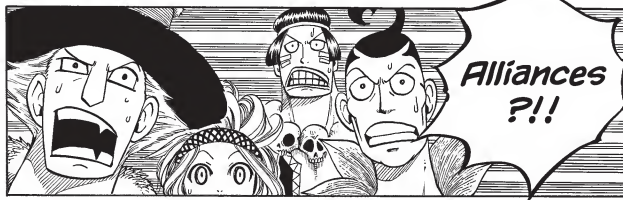
If we were the only ones who went after them, the entire Balam Alliance would then target us alone.

No... this time the enemy is too great.



It's now Fairy Tail's duty?

And we drew the short straw again, Old Man?



Each of the four guilds will choose members to send, they will combine their strength, and take down Oración Seis.



...Lamia Scale...

Fairy Tail...

...Blue Pegasus ...

and Cait Shelter.

We're against only six, right?

Hold it... Wait just a second ...



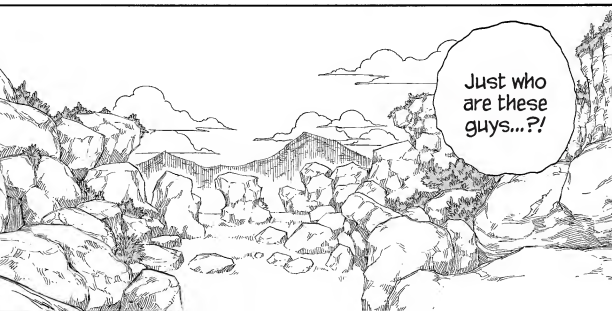
The master is concerned with repercussions.

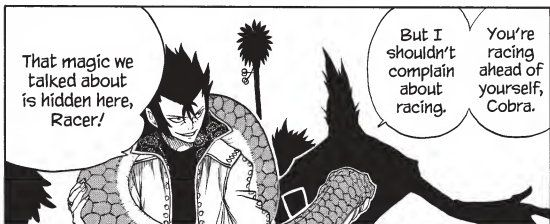
Yeah, just us should be plenty to take them on! Wait! I should be plenty by myself!

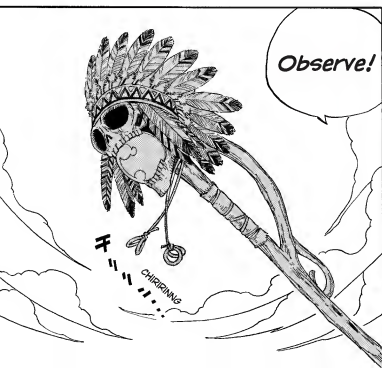
I don't get it. Why...?



Just who are these guys...?!









*The
land has
started its
march to
death!*

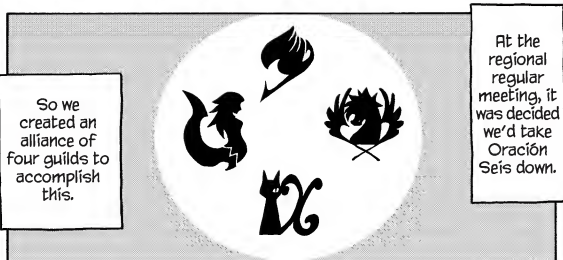
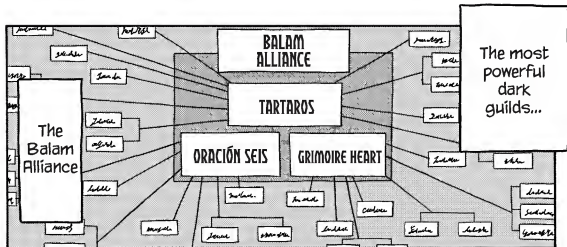
*Just
because
Nirvana is
so close
by!*

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 132: Allies, Unite!







НУИИИ?

But
hold
it...

加
KATAK

WHINE 144
-31- 800

KATAK
KATAK



Come...on... I mean...aren't we there...yet?

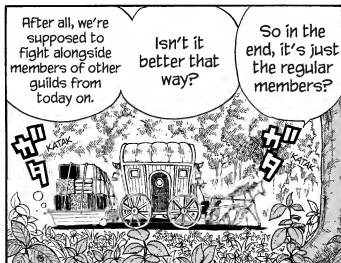


Both of them have jobs of their own.

But in a battle, wouldn't Gajeel or Juvia do better?



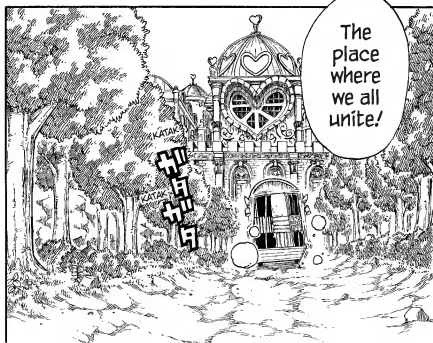
Thus harmony within our own group is paramount.



After all, we're supposed to fight alongside members of other guilds from today on.

Isn't it better that way?

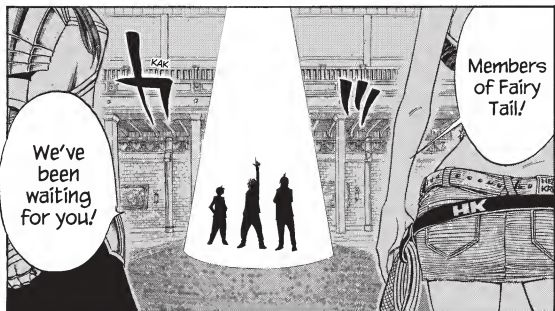
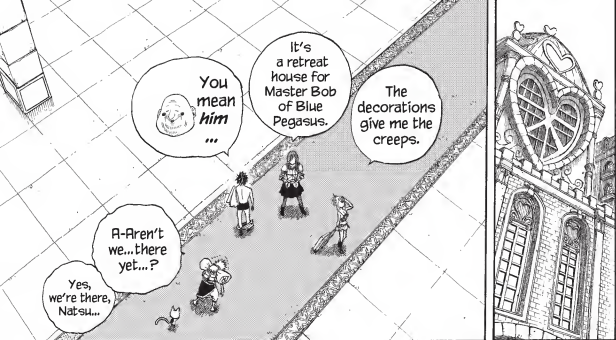
So in the end, it's just the regular members?



The place where we all unite!



It's come into view.



A character with long, spiky, light-colored hair and a confident, slightly smug expression. He is wearing a dark jacket over a striped shirt. He is making a 'V' hand gesture with both hands. The background is dark with many small, four-pointed star sparkles.

I am
Hibiki
of the
Hundred
Nights!

BLUE
PEGASUS



HIBIKI OF THE
HUNDRED NIGHTS

A character with short, light-colored hair and a gentle, smiling expression. He is wearing a dark suit with a white shirt and a dark tie. He is pointing his right index finger towards the viewer. The background is dark with many small, four-pointed star sparkles.

I am Eve
of the Holy
Nights!

BLUE
PEGASUS



EVE OF THE
HOLY NIGHTS

A character with short, dark hair and a serious, intense expression. He is wearing a dark jacket with a leopard-print collar and a chain necklace. He is holding his right hand up to his face, with his index finger pointing towards his forehead. The background is dark with many small, four-pointed star sparkles.

I am
Ren of
the Hollow
Nights!

BLUE
PEGASUS



REN OF THE
HOLLOW NIGHTS



Our
guys can't
compete.

Urf...

Dammit!! I
forgot to wear
clothes!!!



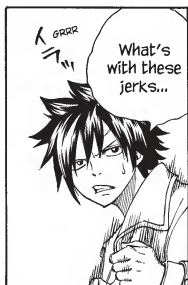
Th-
They're
cool....!!



Now...
if you'll
step this
way...

The
rumors of
your beauty
were no lie.

Pleased to
make your
acquaintance,
Titania.



GRRR

What's
with these
jerks...



Now, take
a seat
also, my
dear.

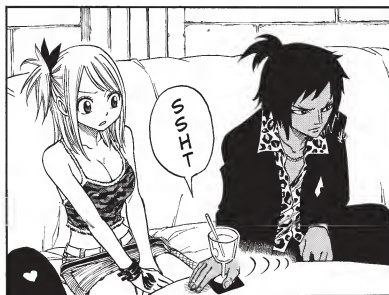
Whoa...

I don't
know about
this. You're
just too
cute.

No...

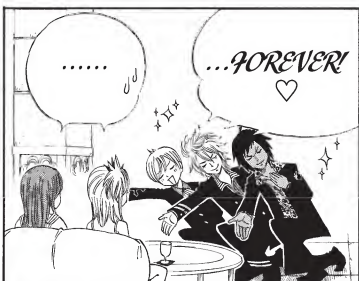
Whiskey
and soda,
perhaps?

Soothe
yourself
with a
steaming
cloth.



Allow
us to
serve you
tonight
and...

Now...
You must be
exhausted
from your
long journey.



I-I never
dreamed you'd
be taking part
in this...

How long
has it been,
Erza-san?

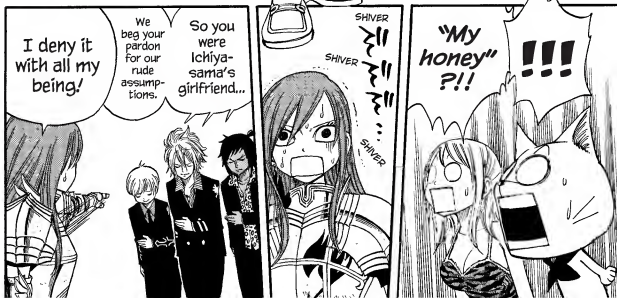
Ichiya?

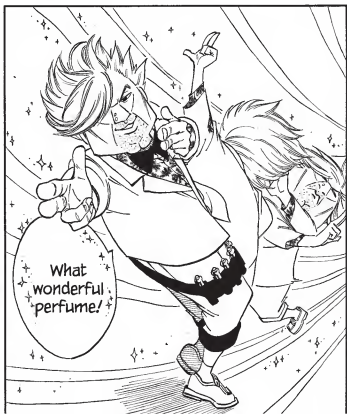
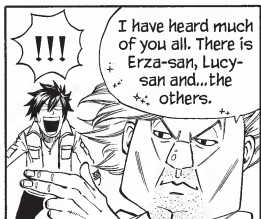
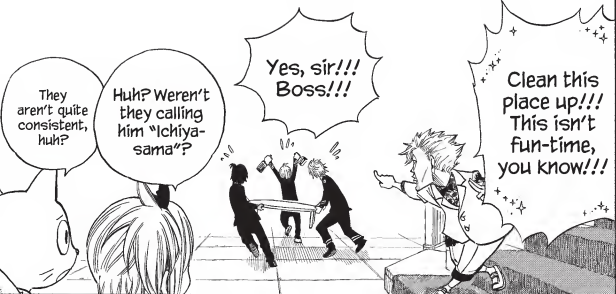
It's
Ichiya-
sama!

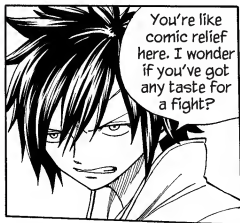
Wh-
what's
that
sweet-
sounding
voice?

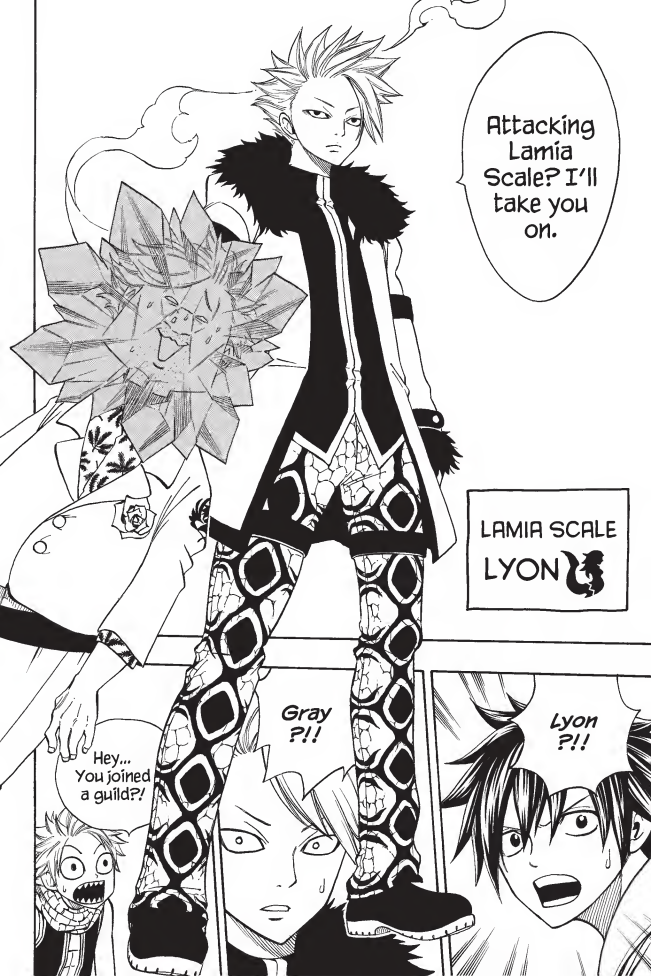


*The name Ichiya means "one night."









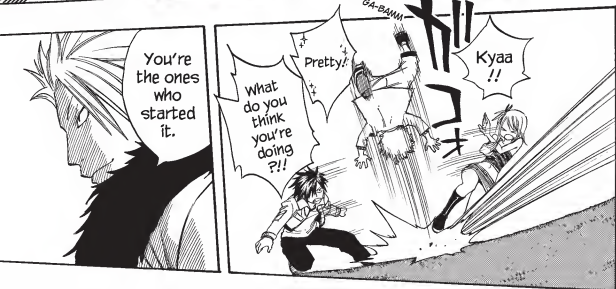
Attacking
Lamia
Scale? I'll
take you
on.

LAMIA SCALE
LYON 

Hey...
You joined
a guild?!

Gray
?!!

Lyon
?!!





You're
attacking
me?!!

**Doll
Attack**

...
**Carpet
Doll
!!!!**



I will
not allow
you to
say that
you've
forgotten
me!

Eh
heh
heh...



Wait...
I know
that
magic...



For I
have been
reborn for
the sake of
love!

POIT

✂

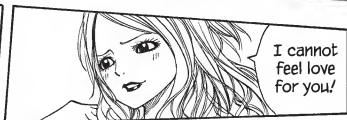
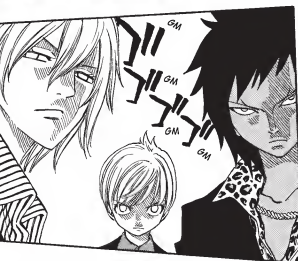
!!

**Pick
one
or
the
other
!!!**

But be
sure to
forget
my
past
self!

LAMIA SCALE
SHERRY







Jura-san...

Is this time for infighting?!

LAMIA SCALE
JURA

...to defeat the Oración Seis!

We are here to unite as allies...



"Jura" ?!!



He's one of the ten wizard saints!

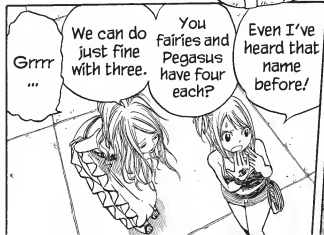
Who?



...the Ace of Lamia...

...Iron Rock Jura!

So he's...

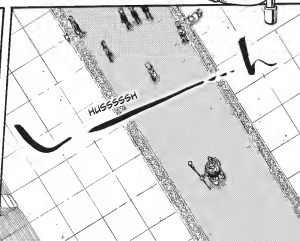


Grrrr ...

We can do just fine with three.

You fairies and Pegasus have four each?

Even I've heard that name before!



HUSSSSSS



...but
I have
heard it
will only
be one.

You say
group
...



Now we
have three
guilds
accounted
for.

All that's
left is the
group
from Cait
Shelter.



W-Wait a
second... Just
how scary is this
person?!

Just one?!
A mission as
dangerous as this,
and they can
spare only one
wizard?!!



That
hurt...

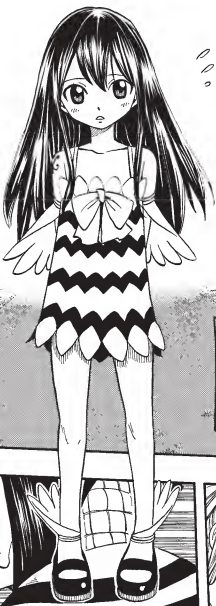


I'm
sorry
I'm so
late!

U-
Um...



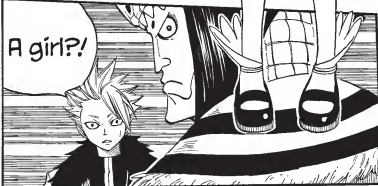
Eek!
Eek!
Eek!

A young girl with long dark hair and large eyes stands on a path. She is wearing a dress with a large bow at the chest and a zigzag pattern on the skirt. She has small wings on her arms.

It's
nice to
meet you
guys!!

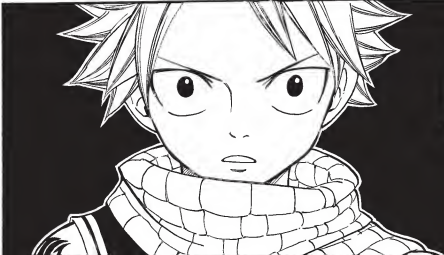
I'm here
from Cait
Shelter.
Wendy!

CAIT SHELTER
WENDY 

A close-up of Natsu and Wendy. Natsu is on the left, looking surprised with wide eyes. Wendy is on the right, also looking surprised.

A girl?!

A
child?!

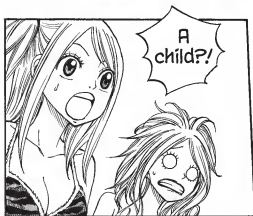
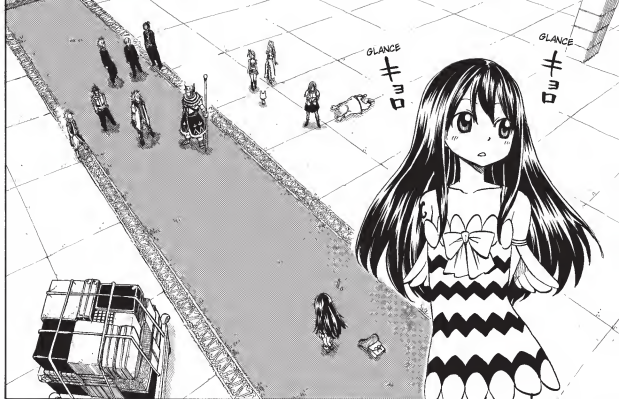
A close-up of Natsu's face. He has a serious expression and is wearing his signature scarf.

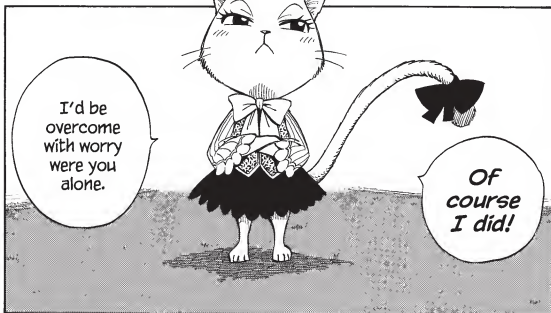
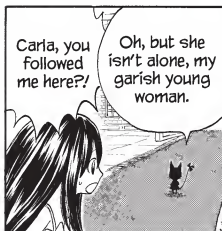
Wendy?

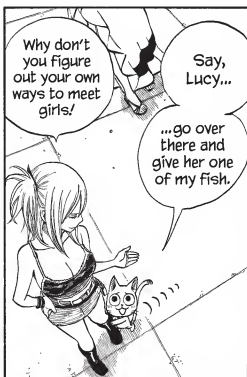
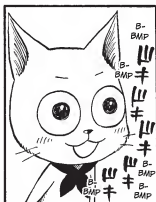
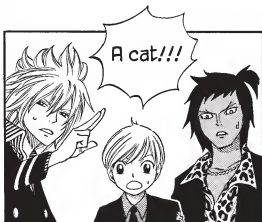
FAIRY TAIL

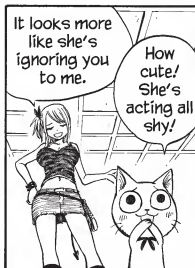
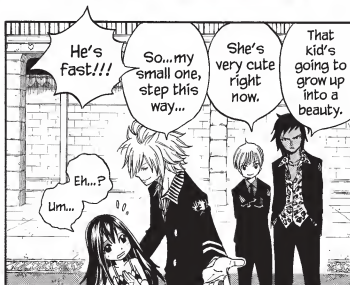
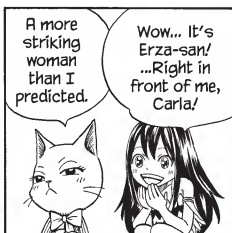


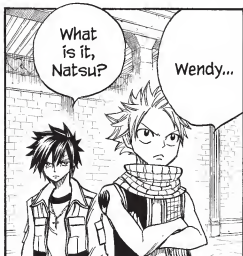
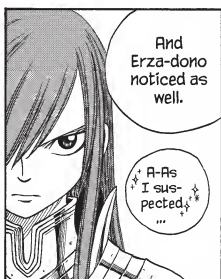
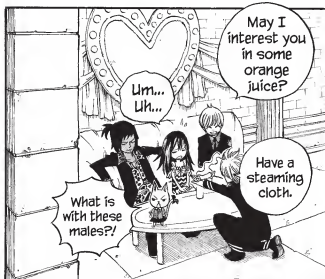
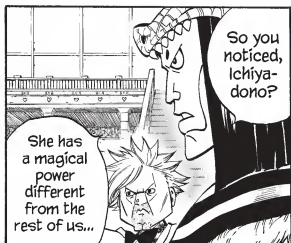
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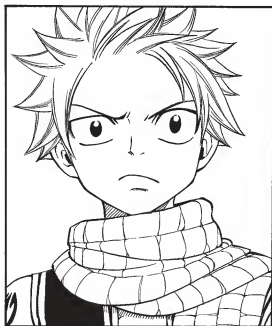
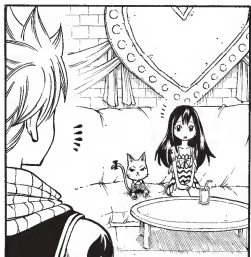


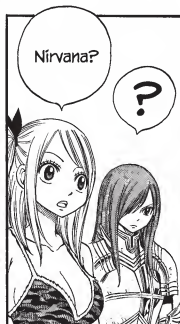
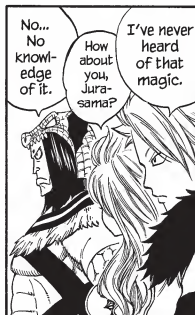
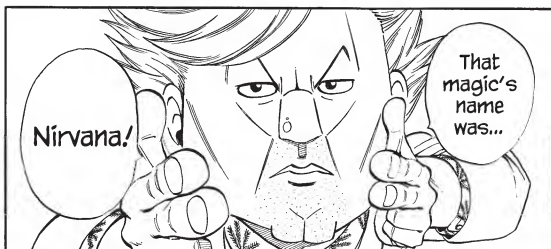
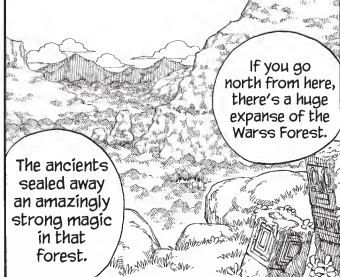












It's safe to assume that the Oración Seis are gathered there...

...to get Nirvana for themselves.

I don't know what this magic is, but...

For the ancients to seal it away tells us that it's very destructive magic.

And to make sure that doesn't happen...

...we have to stop the Oración Seis!!!!

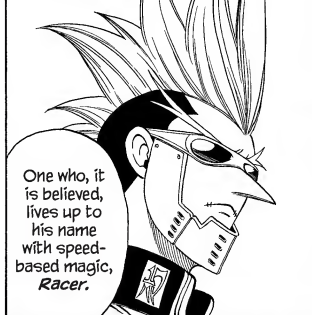


Those six are unbelievably strong.

...but don't take them lightly for a second!

We have twelve people versus their six...





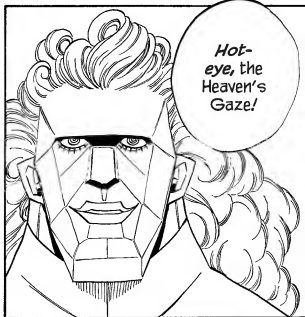
One who, it is believed, lives up to his name with speed-based magic, *Racer*.



The wizard who controls poisonous snakes, *Cobra*.



The girl who can see into your heart, *Angel*.



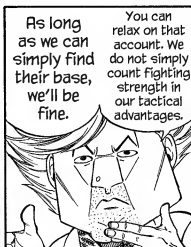
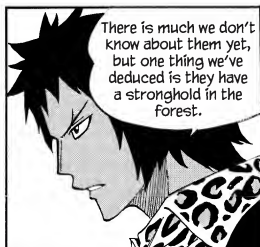
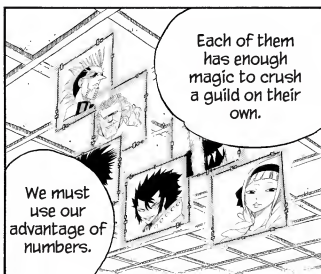
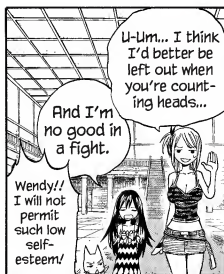
Hot-eye, the Heaven's Gaze!

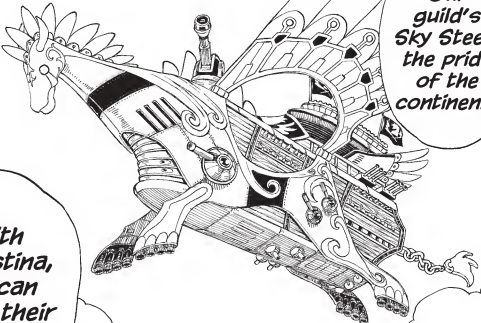


And the commander of them all, *Brain*.



We have very little data on this man other than his name, *Midnight*.





Our
guild's
Sky Steed,
the pride
of the
continent!

With
Christina,
we can
bury their
strong-
hold!!!!

A magic heavy
bomber?!

Ohh!!!

Right!!!
I'm all
fired up!!!

SHIVVER

Listen... Even when
it comes to battle,
we must not fight
on our own! We
must always battle
with odds of at
least two against
one.

They
are that
kind of
enemy.

Wait, we're
up against
people. Do
we need to
go that
far?





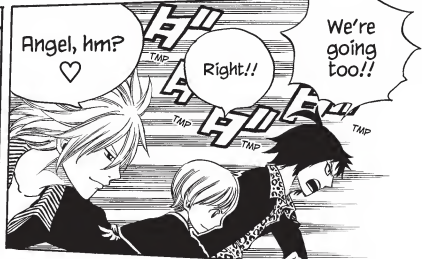
Lyon!!
Sherry!!

Okay
!!!

Let's go,
Sherry!



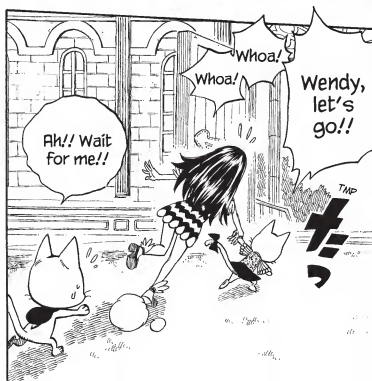
Oh,
no,
no,
no...



Angel, hm?
♡

Right!!

We're
going
too!!



Ah!! Wait
for me!!

Whoa!

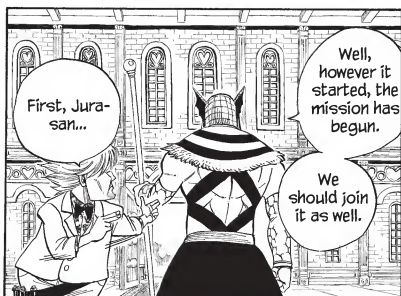
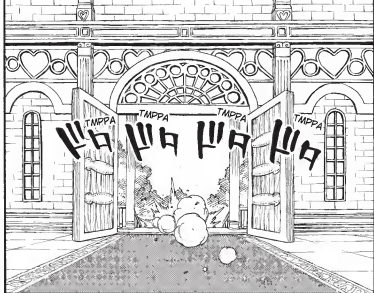
Whoa!

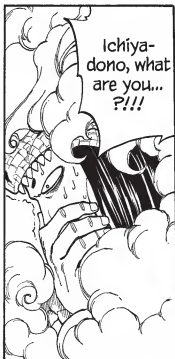
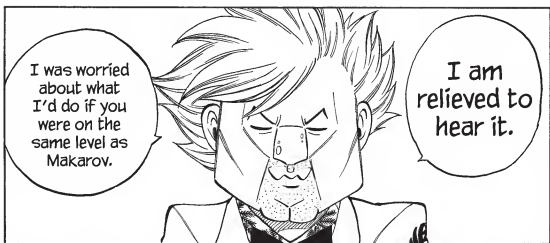
Wendy,
let's
go!!

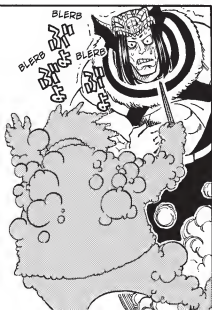


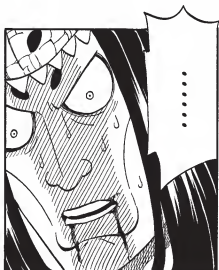
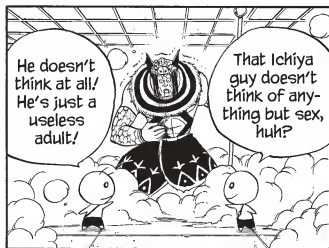
Not to
worry...!! I
am here with
you!

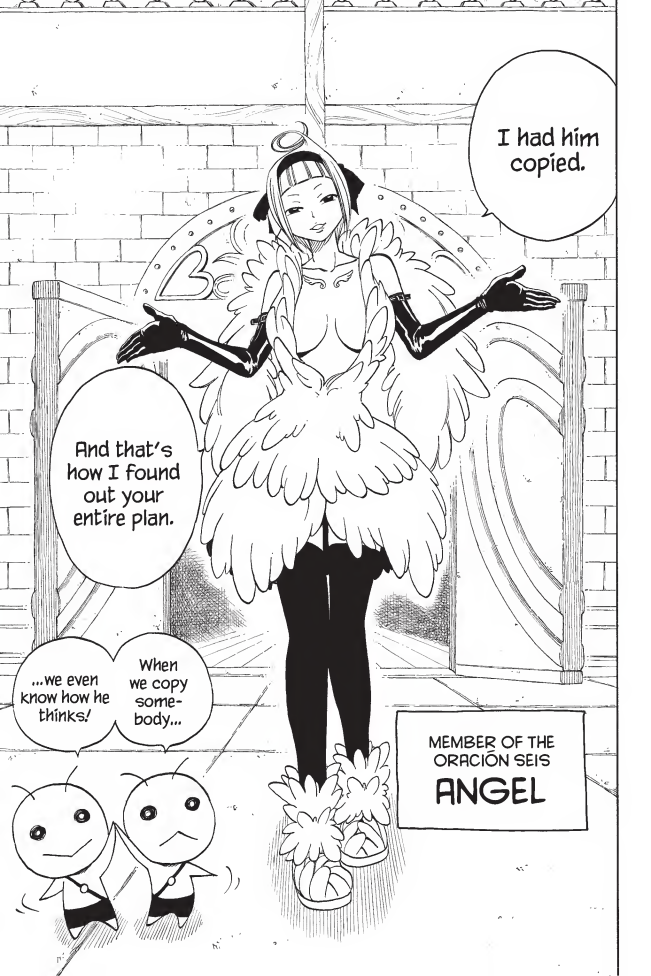
GRUMP











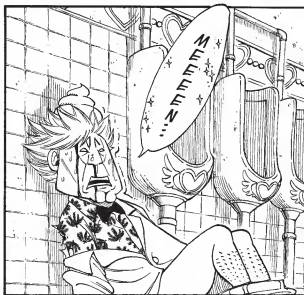
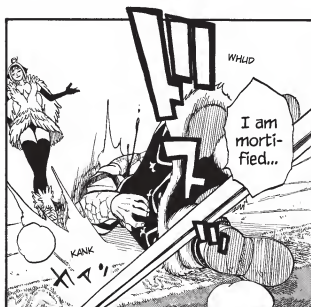
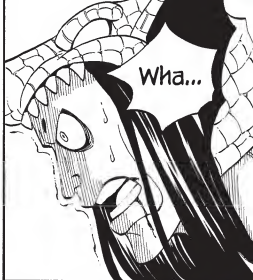
I had him copied.

And that's
how I found
out your
entire plan.

...we even
know how he
thinks!

When
we copy
some-
body...

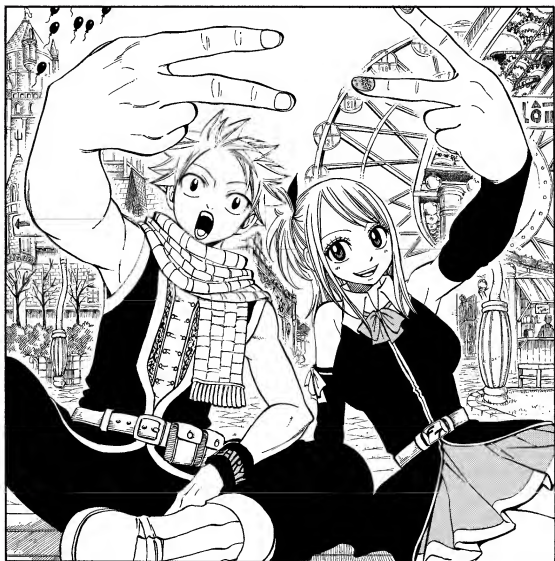
MEMBER OF THE
ORACIÓN SEIS
ANGEL

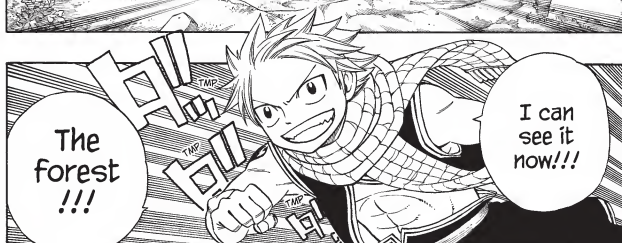


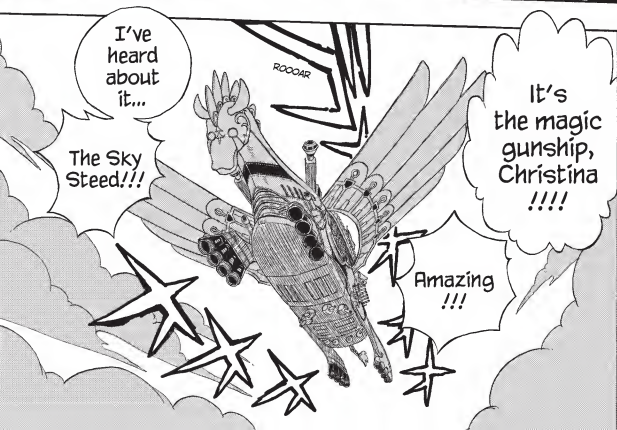
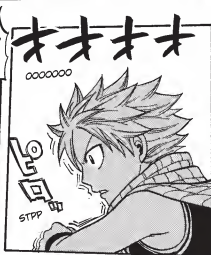
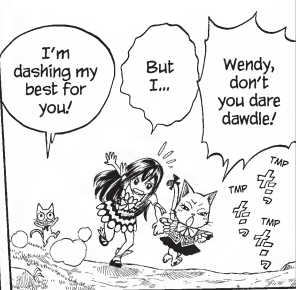
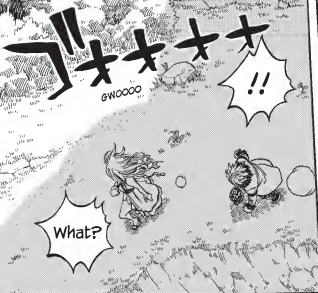
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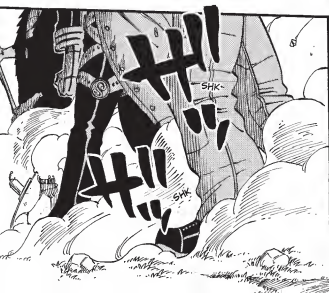
フェアリーテイル

Chapter 134: Oración Seis Appears!

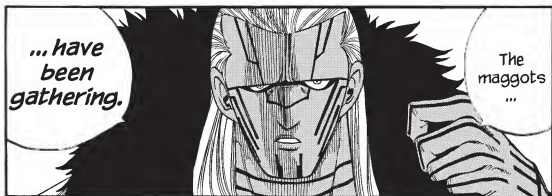
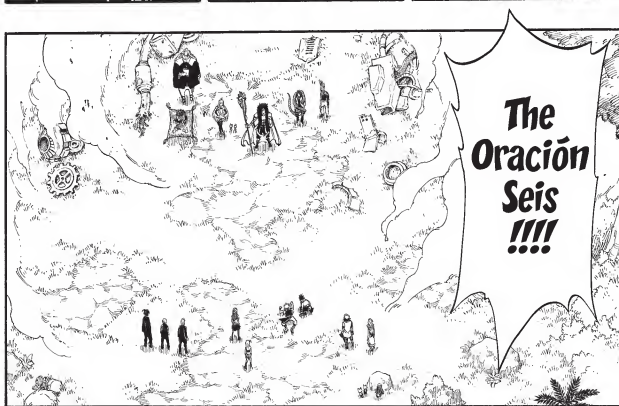
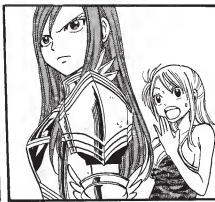
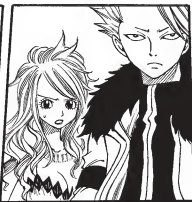














Impos-
sible!!!



What
?!!



We've
already
taken down
Jura and
Ichiya.

What
do you
think?

We see
through
all of your
futile
plans.



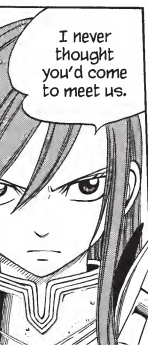
It's best
to race
through
our prob-
lems.
And you
guys...

...could
seem
like a
problem.



I can
hear
it...

...your
trem-
bling!!



I never
thought
you'd come
to meet us.



I think
one of your
group is
asleep...

SNORE SNORE



I'll give
you a tip.
"Money
makes the
world
go..."

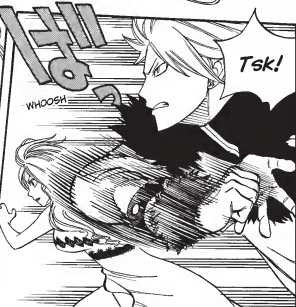
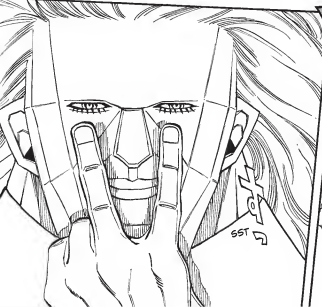
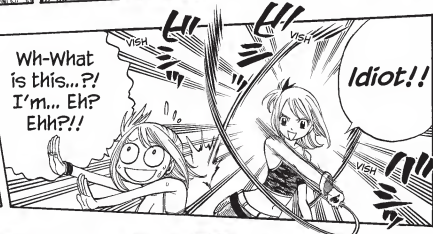
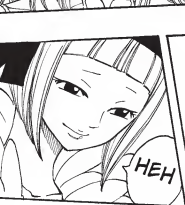
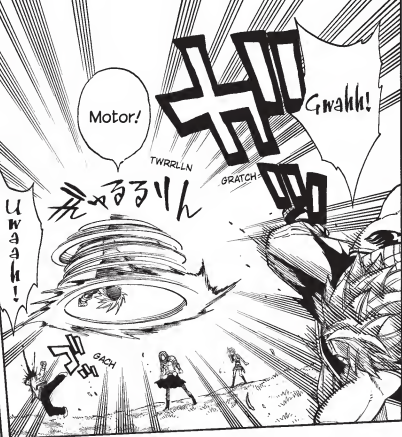
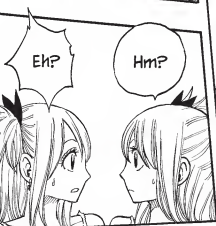
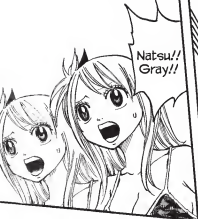
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stronger.

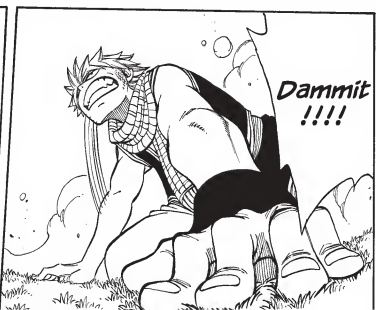
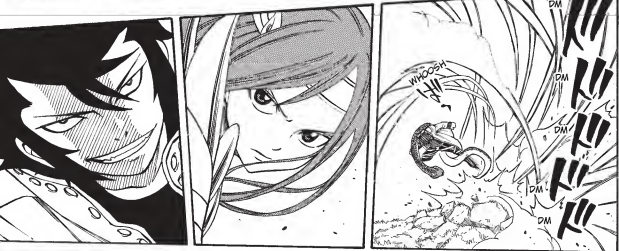
You
shut up,
Hoteye!

You saved me the trouble of looking for you!!!!

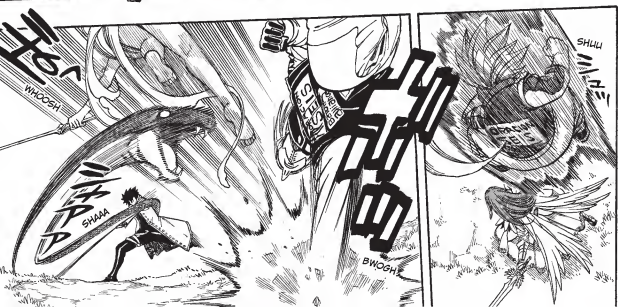
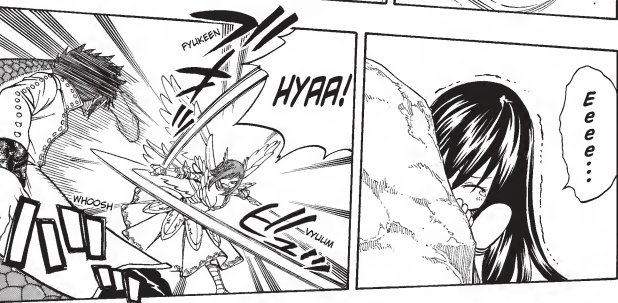
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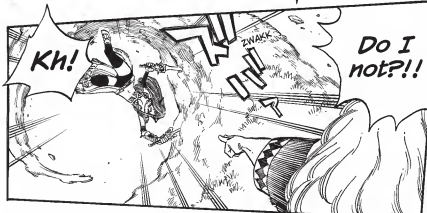
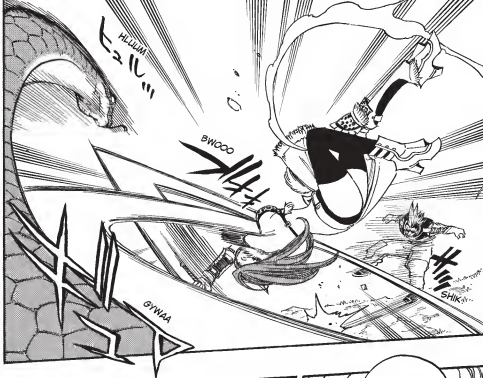




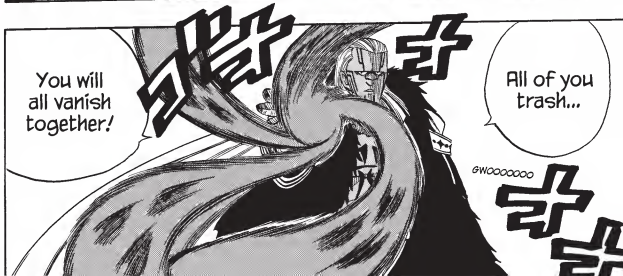


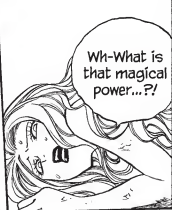


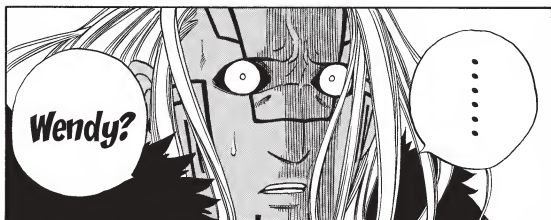
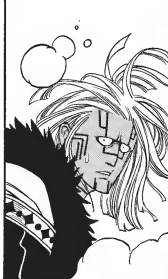
Ho... So
this is Erza
Scarlet?



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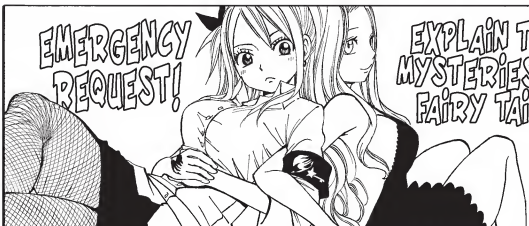


How did you like the Director's Cut version of Fantasia? I'm sure anyone who doesn't read this manga in the magazine would be asking, "What's this all about?" It's about the fact that Fantasia appeared in a different version when it was serialized in the magazine. Here, it's expanded by ten full pages! Not only extra pages, but everything has been re-edited! If you ask why I went through the pain of all that additional work, my answer is, "Because I wanted to." (Yeah, I'm an idiot.) Actually, ever since I decided to do the Laxus story arc, I was really looking forward to drawing Fantasia, and as luck would have it, I was allowed extra pages in the very issue where it would occur. The magazine gave me a full 25 pages to draw the chapter! I was pretty giddy just thinking about it! But I had to cut a lot out, or the story just wouldn't work right. I'd be muttering, "Twenty-five pages just isn't enough," all the while I was drawing it. Well, I just couldn't live without showing a version that included the lively scenes I had envisioned, so I added the pages as a Director's Cut here in the graphic novel. Yeah, I know, the story is exactly the same, but I could only think that it was a good thing to give the readers an idea of how fun Fantasia is. The original version can only be read in a magazine long out of date now. Sorry.

And with all that, we bring the Laxus story arc to an end and start a new plot. There are a lot of characters here. It's really rough to draw it all. But it's a kick to draw Lyon after all this time, and Ichiya is a really fun character, if I do say so myself. (laughs) And then there's Wendy. One member of my staff mentioned that for some reason, little girls just don't appear in my manga. (Not that I'm against it or anything.) So I thought, "I'll show 'em!" and came up with up a character there on the spot. And somehow she just became strangely popular among the people I hang with. I have to admit that as I draw her more, I've come to like her more and more as well, and now I'm getting the feeling that she just might become a key player. On another interesting subject, I had been using the term "working title" with the name Oración Seis right up to the deadline. I never actually made a final decision on their name, so the working title wound up as their real name. But keep that a secret, okay?

EMERGENCY REQUEST!

EXPLAIN THE MYSTERIES OF FAIRY TAIL!



: Moun+tain+li+on+poon!!

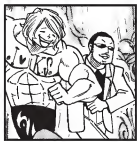


: Hi everybody! It's time for "Emergency Request! Explain the Mysteries of FT!" again!

Lucy: This time, we're going to give you the straight answers!

Mira: Here's the first question.

I see these two all the time. Who are they?



Lucy: You do see them every now and again in the guild scenes.

Mira: They're proper guild members! On the left is Joey Fullborn. And on the right is Wain Charij.



: That Joey guy... Don't you think he's a little overly macho?



: On top of that, he loses his teeth a lot. It's fun to try to find them.

Lucy: A guy who loses his teeth a lot...?

Mira: On to the next question.

During the Tower of Heaven story, Lucy called Cancer (can only call on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays) along with Aquarius (can only call on Wednesdays). They should never have been able to be called on the same day. What's the meaning of this?



Lucy: Ohh... About that... Actually, the days of the week in the contracts can change. As the trust between myself and my celestial spirits strengthens, the number of days I can call them can increase as well.

Mira: Really? So since you can call Loke at any time of the day or night, your trust level with him is at maximum, huh?



: Yeah...maybe... If you say so. I can't really say myself.

Mira: What about Plue?

Lucy: Oh, Plue is a call-at-any-time spirit now. I can call Plue whenever, and he'll come.

Mira: Good! Then let me borrow Plue, okay?

Lucy: Eh?



: I hear Plue is good for stiff shoulders.

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Continued from the left-hand page.



: Never!!

Mira:

And here we have the next question.

Lucy's Father said his company was bought, but even so, he lost all of his personal possessions. That seems a little strange to me.



Lucy: Hey, that's one smart questioner...!

Mira: That's true. In present days, most companies use money out of the company's own budget, so even if the company should collapse, it wouldn't be something the president would lose his personal possessions over.

Lucy: So you're saying that in his case, he risked his own personal money to keep his company's budget going?

Mira: That's how it'd go. It's likely that his company wasn't in as good a financial condition as you would have thought, Lucy.



: Father...



: Ah... I'm sorry. I'm sure he must have always worked hard at his job. Even if he named you on a whim.



: Did you really need to say that?!!

Mira: And on to the final question.

Mystogan... Just who is he anyway?



Lucy: You mean from that scene in Volume 15? You know, I'm burning with curiosity over that myself!!

Mira: Yes... I'm curious too.

Lucy: Tell me, Mira-san! What did he mean by, "The other..."?!

Mira: "The other" means a different one of a certain subset of items. Aside from that, I haven't a clue.



: And the one guy who did know, Laxus, isn't here anymore...



: So let's just look forward to the final reveal of the answer when it happens! ♥



: I guess that's the answer!



: ...So, Lucy... You're going to lend me Plue?



: What's that all about?! I don't want him used in some weird massage!



: Nothing like that! I'm doing research on what the voice of a mountain lion sounds like.



: But Plue is a dog!!! And even so, his voice sounds nothing like a dog either...



: And so, see you all next time! Moun+tain+li+on+poon, woof woof!!!



: Mountain LION. It's one of the big cats! Wait, I said that last time...

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Yuno Mana

▲ But strangely, I like his expression a lot.

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Ozaka, A-noon

▶ It's actually pretty rare to get a Grey/Lucy combo picture.



Sakana Prefecture, Risa Shimada

▶ They were in the background in Volume 13. Now where have I seen them before...



Sakana Prefecture, Maki

▶ For some reason I got a lot of postcards with Bickson on it. I guess as I've never before, I want to draw it.



Nigata Prefecture, Rami

▶ Well draw! I really like Lucy's expression!



Kochi Prefecture, Shiori Shigahara

▶ Everybody's got such great smiles! When I see a drawing like this, I feel happy.



Shikano Prefecture, Memoru-18

▶ Oh hey! That's cool. Although I don't really picture as a kind of cute, but I like it.



Karagana Prefecture, Kenta Nero

▶ This person claims to be rooting for Gajeel. Well that time he got a lot of love from the story!



Aichi Prefecture, Yutsumi

▶ The Natsu is sort of cool, huh?



Sakana Prefecture, Yuno Ryumoto



Nagano Prefecture, Kinoshita

▶ Last recently a "sempai" of mine said, "Lucy's great! Put her in more often!"



Hokkaido, Mashima-sensei's Biggest Fan

▶ Natsu and Erza both remind me of!



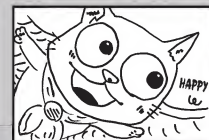
Gifu Prefecture, Suroi

▶ What did you think of Farnesart? The bonds between the Master and Lucy.



Kagoshima Prefecture, Seino Ueyama

▶ Oh hey! Come to think of it, she was like that a long time ago, huh?



Fukuoka Prefecture, Fumika Kanazawa

▶ Happy's full of energy! I wonder where he's going riding the wind like that.

Translation Notes:

Page 91, Ebi

As mentioned in Volume 2, *ebi* is Japanese for "shrimp." *Kani* is Japanese for "crab." In most children's books and manga, crab characters end their sentences with the sound, *kani*. This sounds fun and is easy for Japanese children to imitate. As Cancer is a crab, it would be expected for him to end his sentences with *kani* as well, but as a comic switch, he ends his sentences with the sound *ebi* instead.

Page 116, Oración Seis, Grimoire Heart and Tartaros

In the Japanese version, each of the three dark guilds in the Balam Alliance had names made up of *kanji* with the western names used as pronunciation guides. The *kanji* for Oración Seis means "Six Demon Generals," *kanji* for Grimoire Heart means "Devil's Heart," and for Tartaros means "Gates of Hell."

Page 132, Tsudere

Tsundere is a word coined within the past decade for characters who pretend to be annoyed and unfeeling toward another character whereas they are actually madly in love. The word comes from two onomatopoeic words, *tsun tsun*, the sound of poking someone, and *dere dere*, the sound of cuddling. Female *tsundere* characters have become very popular in anime.



Page 136, Meeeen

A popular use of the English word "men" in Japan is in the word *ikemen* (the word for good looking men). Ichiya's cry also looks like the Japanese sound for a sheep's bleat.

Page 139, Pretty!

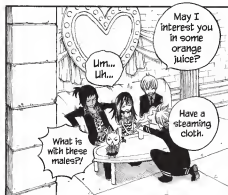
In Japanese, he used the word *ike* which is the first part of "*ikemen*" (see above note). A translation for *ikemen* might be, "pretty boy."

Page 150, *-dono*

The suffix, *-dono*, is an archaic word that means approximately the same as the present use of *-sama*. It is a very respectful honorific taken from the Japanese word for Edo-period lords.

Page 150, Orange juice

Whereas OJ is a great breakfast drink for people of any age in the U.S., in Japan orange juice (as well as any other sweet soft drink) is considered a children's drink. Even drinks like bottled sweetened ice café au lait and milk tea are given the generic term of "juice" (*jûsu* in Japanese) and are considered drinks for children.



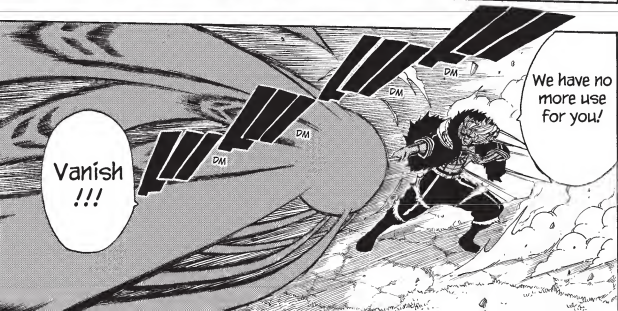
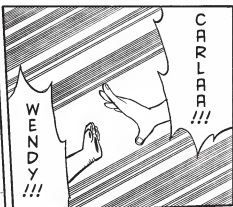
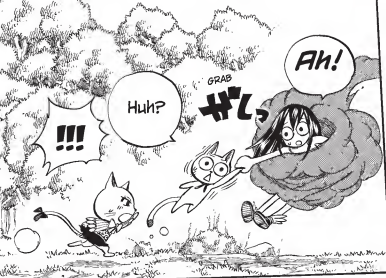
Page 183, Dark Rondo

In Italian, "rondo" means "round-about." But in music, it refers to a musical theme that appears several times over the course of a musical composition.



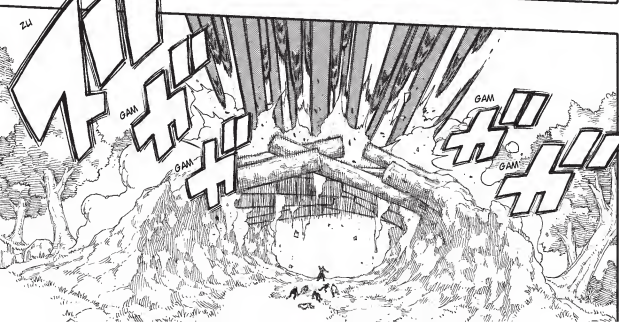
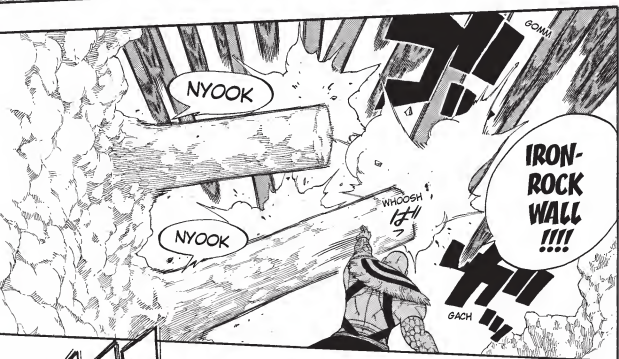
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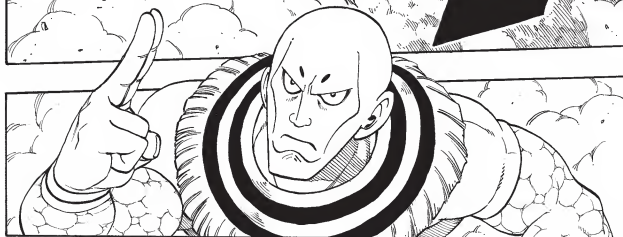
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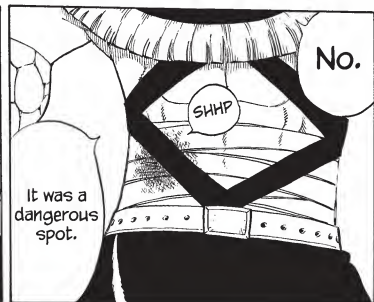
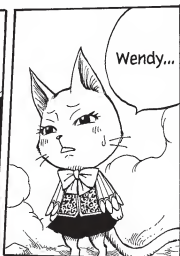
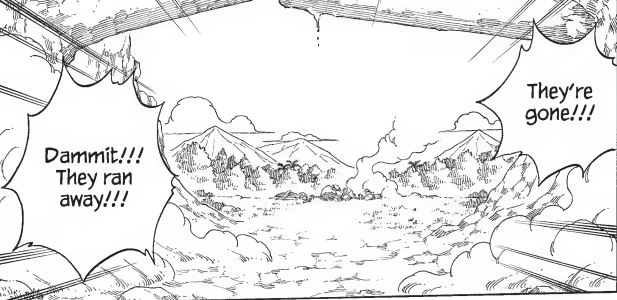


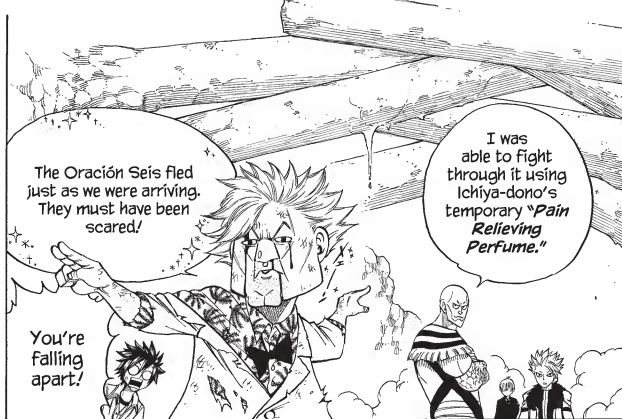


Everybody
down!!!









The Oración Seis fled
just as we were arriving.
They must have been
scared!

I was
able to fight
through it using
Ichiya-dono's
temporary "Pain
Relieving
Perfume."

You're
falling
apart!



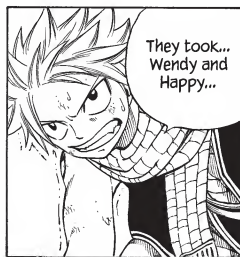
My pain...is
gradually fading
away...



It
smells
nice!



Everyone
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Pain Relieving
Perfume!



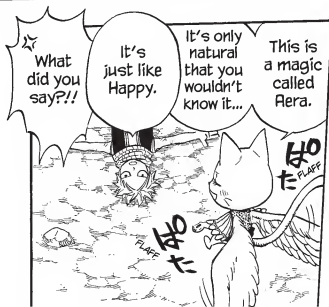
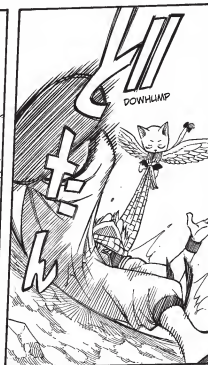
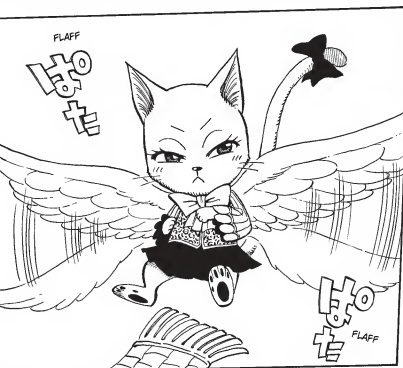
They took...
Wendy and
Happy...



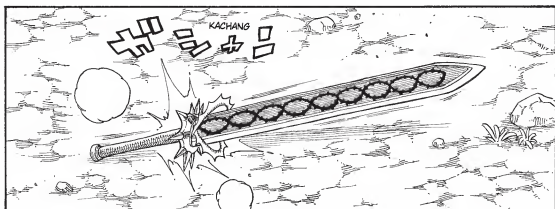
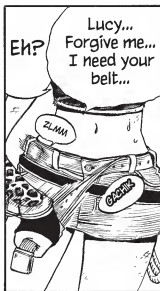
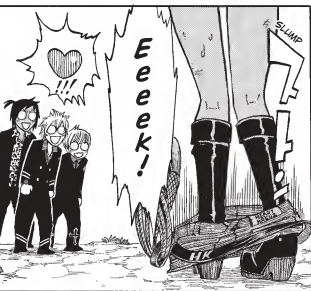
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their name
for him
again...

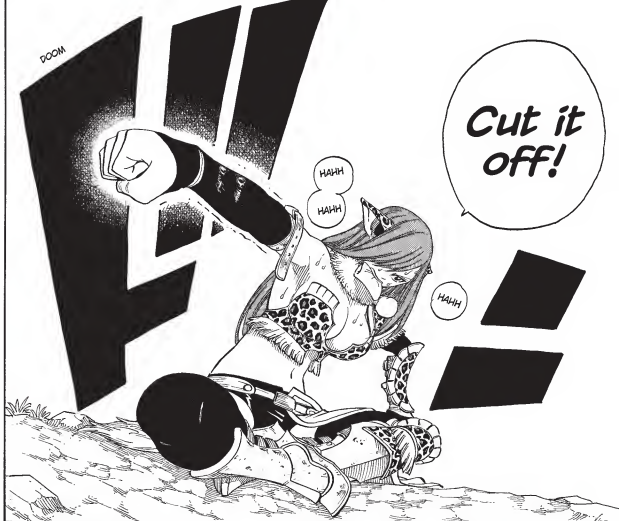


That's our
sensei for
you!

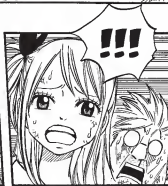




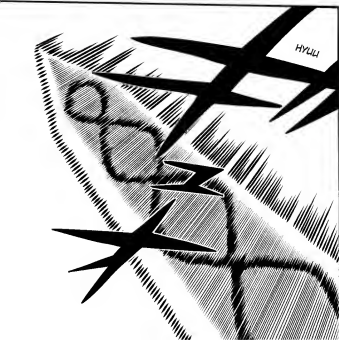


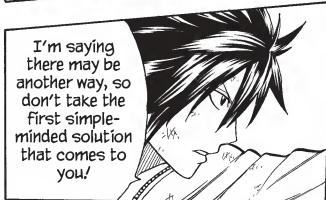


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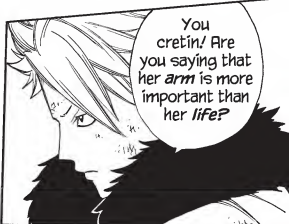


Understood.
I'll do it.

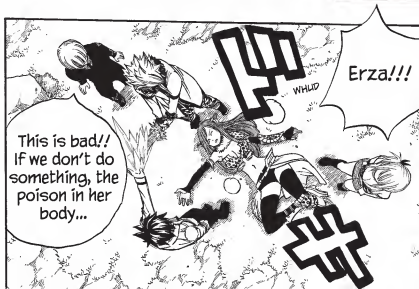




I'm saying there may be another way, so don't take the first simple-minded solution that comes to you!



You cretin! Are you saying that her *arm* is more important than her *life*?

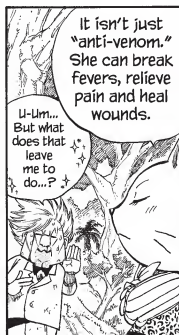
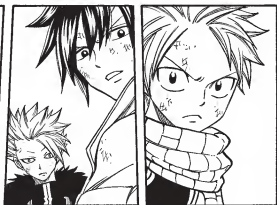
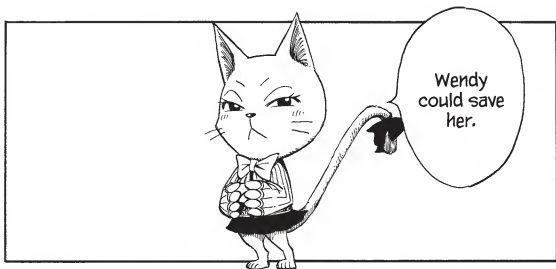


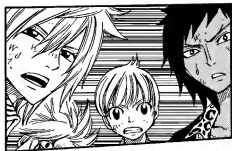
This is bad!! If we don't do something, the poison in her body...

Erza!!!



Ah...





**She is a
sky dragon
slayer.**

**Sky
Dragon
Wendy.**

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